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AEK tells Patikas: Stay put!

By LAURIE SCHWAB

"I can't live here any more," Jim Patikas told AEK Athens, hoping the club would let him go back to Sydney, Croatia. "Bad luck," said the bosses of AEK.

Patikas has a three-year contract with AEK. He's been a big hit since joining the club late last year, so there's no way it will let him go.

Quite the opposite. To help him feel a little better about his new surroundings, AEK last week bought him a car!

He'll be back in Sydney in either late May or early June — but only to marry his fiancée, Denise Petres. They then will move into a flat supplied for them in Athens by AEK.

Even guest games for Sydney Croatia are out of the question.

"I'm asked for permission, but AEK refused because it didn't want him having any more injuries," said Jim's father, Aris, the sports master at Long Bay Jail.

"He was out for a month over a bad nose injury, and then he missed another three games because of an ankle injury."

"One of his team-mates gave him the nose injury. They went up for a header together and Jim copped it. He had to have his nose reconstructed. People used to tell him that we were father and son just by our noses. Now he's got a different nose!"

"People who have come back from spending time in Greece tell me that AEK is only half the team when Jim isn't playing," said his proud dad. "I've got newspaper cuttings here raving about him."

"But, he didn't like the lifestyle much, he was homesick and he wanted to sign for Croatia again when he came back to get married. There's no way, though, that AEK will release him, so he'll just have to make the best of it. I'm sure he'll find it easier when Denise is with him."

Patikas transferred to AEK for a \$25,000 transfer fee which went to Croatia, and a signing-on fee of \$150,000.

He can transfer back to Australia for \$25,000 when his AEK contract expires but, if he wants to play in any other country, AEK can ask whatever it likes for him.

TV plans for World Cup, p5

He was on the threshold of making it with Dinamo Zagreb. He was told by John Margaritis that he was better than Oscar Crino but was dropped the next week, and he just can't stop eavesdropping on Drago Sekularac's conversations with Footscray JUST players.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Vlado Bozinovski recently turned 22 and was told earlier this year by South Melbourne Hellas president Jim Diamataris that he was in for a big season.

Bozinovski hopes that Diamataris is right. Not long after their conversation he switched from Hellas to JUST for \$8,000.

"Jim (Diamataris) always had high hopes of me and thought maybe this would be my year. No-one at Hellas other than Jim said anything to me when I went to pre-season training. I just turned up, did the training and went home. I was wondering whether or not I'd be given a chance to play in the first team with Oscar (Crino) gone," said Bozinovski.

"I really believe I could have filled the midfield gap left by Oscar but after about a month I read in the papers that I was transfer-listed. I went to John Margaritis (the Hellas coach) and asked him if it was true. He said it wasn't."

"So I kept training. After one practice match in which I'd done alright, John said in front of all the players: 'Who's Oscar Crino?' He said that I was better than Oscar and that I was one of the best players in the team. In hindsight, I don't think he did me any favours by saying that. Anyway, the next week we lost a Buffalo Cup match and I was dropped."

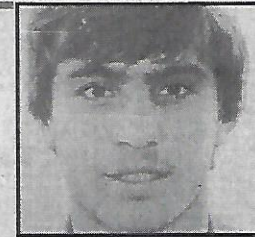
"I couldn't stand it any longer so I went to the team manager, Pierre Pallas, and asked if I had a chance of getting a first team game this year. He said he didn't know. I said I wanted a straight answer. So he went and asked John Margaritis and came back and told me I didn't figure in the first team's plans. That's all I wanted to know. So then the move to JUST came about."

Bozinovski had experienced other disappointments at Hellas. He came back from a 17-month stint with Dinamo Zagreb early in 1985. It had been his second

VLADO'S TOPS WITH 'SEKI'

trial with Dinamo. He still was a Hellas player, having joined the club in 1982 from Slavia, and after going so close to playing in Dinamo's first team, expected to make a big impact at Hellas.

"Len McKendry was coaching then and I was disappointed at being on the bench for the first eight games or so. I didn't even get a five-minute run. Then along came my chance. There were injuries and suspensions for Hella's match with Croatia at Middle Park. I really thought I'd be given a game but McKendry started with John Kanasoulis



• Vlado Bozinovski

and George Kalogeros in the team and I still was on the bench. I spoke to Jim (Diamataris) after the game. I ended up getting more of a go in the second half of the season and I thought I went okay."

"Most teams now play the game McKendry's way. The emphasis is on getting the ball forward, playing it to feet and supporting the front men. It's not that hard to pick up. It's a kind of robot-type game and in some ways I guess you're restricted."

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Transfers top \$400,000

NSL clubs have paid a total of \$409,000 in transfer fees so far this year. Here's the updated list:

- \$32,000 — Manis Lamond (Canberra Olympians to Sydney Croatia)
- \$30,000 — Charlie Yankos (H'berg-Alexander to Adelaide Hellas)
- \$25,000 — Graham Jennings (Sydney Olympic to Sydney Croatia)
- \$25,000 — Robert Wheatley (Blacktown to Marconi)
- \$21,000 — Robbie Dunn (Makedonia to Adelaide Hellas)
- \$16,000 — Alan Hunter (Brisbane Lions to H'berg-Alex)
- \$15,000 — Robbie Slater (St. Geo. Budapest to Blacktown)
- Ossie Latif (Geo. Cross to Footscray JUST)
- \$14,500 — John Yzendoorn (SM-Hellas to B'wick Juventus)
- \$12,000 — Don Mackeod (Foots. JUST to Blacktown)
- Steve Tasios (H'berg-Alex to SM-Hellas)
- Alan Davidson (Notts. Forest to SM-Hellas)
- Steve Winn (H'berg-Alex to Inter Monaro)
- \$10,000 — Tony Pezzano (SC-Hakoah to St. Geo. Budapest)
- Vic Bozanic (St. G. Budapest to APJA)
- \$9,000 — Alex Bundalo (Wollongong to APJA)
- Shaun Parton (Melb. Croatia to Geo. Cross)
- \$8,500 — Graeme Fletcher (SC-Hakoah to St. Geo. Budapest)
- \$8,000 — Ian Roodhouse (Box Hill to Makedonia)
- Vlado Bozinovski (SM-Hellas to Footscray JUST)
- John Kanasoulis (SM-Hellas to H'berg-Alex)
- \$7,500 — Gordon Flavell (Makedonia to Green Gully)
- Alex Lambropoulos (Syd. Olympic to Canterbury)
- \$6,000 — Richard Miranda (B'wick Juve to SM-Hellas)
- Rene Licata (Marconi to Syd. Croatia)
- Tony Brennan (Inter Monaro to Blacktown)
- Peter Willis (Wollongong to Blacktown)
- \$5,000 — Claude Lucchesi (Green Gully to H'berg-Alex)
- Sean Keogh (B'wick Juve to Geo. Cross)
- \$4,000 — Ron Campbell (Stirling Macedonia, WA, to Makedonia)
- Jeff Ainsworth (Penrith to Blacktown)
- John McKie (Blacktown to St. Geo. Budapest)
- \$3,500 — Mike Boogaard (Newc. Rosebud to St. Geo. Budapest)
- \$3,000 — Danny Ward (Melb-Hungaria to Green Gully)
- Ljube Petrovski (Makedonia to Foots. JUST)
- Ian Barker (Manly to Canterbury)
- \$2,500 — Mike Gibson (Penrith to St. Geo. Budapest)
- Tony Redmond (Bris Lions to Melb. Croatia)
- Ian Waterspoon (Penrith to Inter Monaro)
- Joe Vizzini (Broadmeadows to Green Gully)
- \$2,000 — Kevin Innes (Polonia, Vic. to Geo. Cross)
- Mike Tuilawa (W. Woden Juve. to Inter Monaro)
- Gary Higgins (Salisbury Utd. to AC-Juventus)
- John Guscio (Oakleigh to Melb. Croatia)
- Warwick Young (St. Geo. Budapest to Wollongong)
- \$1,500 — Darren Stewart (Newc. Rosebud to APJA)
- \$1,000 — Zivko Hristovski (Wollongong to APJA)
- Roberto Giraldi (Fairy Meadow to Wollongong)
- Jock Morlando (Fairy Meadow to Wollongong)
- Paul Wilde (Azzurri, SA, to AC-Juventus)
- * In the Tasios-Kanasoulis swap deal, Hellas valued Kanasoulis at \$8,000, and paid \$4,000 in cash, making Tasios worth \$12,000.

MEXICO WANTS FOOD, NOT FOOTBALL

"We want beans, not goals. We don't want the World Cup. We want homes," are common placards as poverty-stricken Mexicans protest against their country staging the World Cup.

Some of the homeless threaten to camp out in the massive parking lots of Aztec Stadium, site for the opening game between Italy and Bulgaria on May 31.

Thousands were left homeless by the earthquake last September.

They have turned the World Cup into a symbol for their cause. Mexico is in the midst of its worst economic crisis in decades.

But to minimise demonstrations and discontent, the government is expected to raise the minimum wage in May, when international attention focuses on Mexico.

Some critics claim the tournament was kept in Mexico after the earthquakes just to provide an expensive circus for a disgruntled population.

The conservative weekly "Impacto" said that usually the World Cup "brings with it a period of euphoria and everyone gives himself over to the great event."

"Here in Mexico, that has not been so. One senses and one feels concern for what will come after," the magazine added.

Felix Fuentes, a political columnist in the newspaper "Ovaciones" wrote that Mexico was awarded the World Cup "under heavy (financial) obligations that explain why Colombia sent away the bloated FIFA."

The Mexican government is trying to appease the militant poor and homeless by saying that no public funds are being spent on the World Cup, which is being put together by a private-sector organising committee led by the Televisa television network.

"Soccer Action" wrote after the earthquake last September: "It would be immoral of Mexico to go ahead and stage the 1986 World Cup... The millions it would cost to put on the finals should be used on emergency aid for the earthquake victims and to rebuild the flattened cities..."

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14-team formula totally unfair

Knowing a little bit about our soccer set-up, it's safe to predict that the argument about the merits or otherwise of the new 'relegation system' will continue for the rest of 1986.

Furthermore, I am quite prepared to accept some modest bets that the debate will end in the classic Australian soccer compromise: the 'final decision' will be changed, new proposals will be sought and whatever new 'relegation systems' will be adopted as 'final' will apply only after 1987, or later.

My age-old instinct which all my life has drawn me to the underdogs tells me to scream blue murder on behalf of the 'little clubs' against which this entire mathematical circus appears to be a plot. But I can't. You see, the 'little clubs' don't deserve my sympathy.

They didn't vote against their own execution. Nice, isn't it? Of the 24 clubs, 20 voted for it and four abstained: Green Gully, Newcastle, Wollongong and Blacktown. Imagine deciding not to get mixed in when they ask you one day whether you should be hanged. Well, that's what the four did.

So whatever I say here isn't on their behalf but in the name of fair play, common sense and logic and let the four clubs fend for themselves which, of course, they can't and won't. But that's another story.

Equation

First of all, let us get to the nitty-gritty of the problem. The NSL decided to reduce the NSL in 1987 from the present two divisions to one,

chopping off no less than 10 clubs.

But how can this be achieved? Some tortured minds in the NSL with a leaning towards book-keeping, not sport, came up with a formula, using three criteria for determining which clubs shall live and die.

One criterion is the placing of the teams in 1986; that factor will count for 50 percent of the decision. Another criterion is crowds during 1986, for which the NSL is employing Thought Police at all grounds. This will weigh in with 10 percent.

The remaining 40 percent is the really perplexing one — and in all fairness to the NSL, I quote from its own document.

b) Past performance in League (Maximum 40 points)
i) That each year a club is given a percentage mark out of 100 for the position it finishes in the League. In a 12 team competition, a club finishing first will receive 12/12 or 100%, a club finishing second will receive 11/12 or 91.667%, a club finishing third will receive 10/12 or 83.333%, etc. In a 14 team competition, a club finishing first will receive 14/14 or 100%, a team finishing second will receive 13/14 or 92.857%, a club finishing third will receive 12/14 or 85.7143%, etc. In a

16 team competition, the club finishing first will receive 16/16 or 100%, a team finishing second will receive 15/16 or 93.75%, a team finishing third will receive 14/16 or 87.50%.

ii) These marks are then added together and divided by the number of seasons the club has played in the League and converted to a percentage, with the resultant figure converted to a mark out of a maximum of 40 points. (i.e. A club which has been in the League for only two years and finished first in 1984 and fourth in 1985 will receive the following mark out of 40:
1984 12/12 = 100 1985 9/12 = 75. Total 175
Divided by years in League (2) 87.5
Converted to score out of 40 35 marks

iii) This exercise is completed for every club in the League.
Let me add something which this document merely glosses over, presuming that every rector-turned-club president knows his sums. The final 'mark' is gained by multiplying the 87.5 with 40 and then dividing it by 100.

I really feel that only the most twisted bureaucratic schoolmasterly mind could have come up with this weird scheme; in fact, I would suggest that the person or persons involved ought to seek medical help. My serious objection to the fairness of this equation is that it's totally unfair. Let's see some samples.

Unequal
According to the above yardsticks, on the



Andrew Dettre

past performances scale, Sydney Hakoah is tops with a quotient of 38.77, ahead of Heidelberg 32.18, Brunswick Juventus 31.67, Melbourne Croatia 31.67, Sydney Croatia 30.00, SM-Hellas 28.93, Marconi 27.96, Makedonia 25.50, APIA 23.33, St George 22.13, Olympic 21.06, Adelaide Juventus 20.69, Inter-Monaro 20.00, Brisbane Lions 19.77, Adelaide Hellas 15.99, Green Gully 15.00, Blacktown 14.94, Canberra 13.72, Wollongong 13.67, George Cross 13.33, Brisbane City 12.83, Footscray JUST 12.22 and Newcastle 10.00.

Now, as these figures will count for 40 percent in the (theoretically) final relegation decision, they are pretty important and shouldn't be laughed at, as one would be inclined to do. In fact, these figures could doom some clubs.

The point I am trying to make is that these figures and the entire premise on

which they have been built is false, phoney, illogical and should be dismantled, with the author of the 'system' publicly chastised.

(I DO NOT know who the author is, neither do I want to know in case I like the man as a person).

Crazy

My main objection to the equation system is that it lumps animals, vegetables and minerals together.

It treats Brisbane City, with nine seasons behind them, the same as Melbourne Juventus and Croatia, with two seasons. Brisbane's placings had to be divided by nine to get their unfortunate quotient — but Juventus' by only two. Not the same yardstick, not the same principle.

OK, you say, Juventus only had two seasons so that's the only dividing number they can have. But why not allow them hapless Brisbane City (or Canberra, Wollongong and the others dragging their feet) to also NOMINATE their two best placings and divide THAT with the number of seasons?

If they did that and Brisbane City could pick 1979 (4th) and 1981 (3rd) their quotient would jump to 33.20. What this really implies is

that it's against all sporting principles to judge one club on nine seasons and another one on only two.

But there are other anomalies which our little Einstein failed to take into consideration.

In 1979, thanks to that erratic journeyman coach Rudi Gutendorf, the NSL awarded bonus points for wins by 4 goals and more. Thus the final point tally is not an absolutely accurate picture of the matches won and drawn that year, has that been considered?

Then in 1984 and 1985 we had divided leagues; can all results against all opponents be adjudged to be of precisely the same value? And what about those weird occasional inter-conference matches during the 1984 season. As they have been abolished now, why not deduct those points and recalculate all the tables and quotients?

Simple

Simple solutions are the best in sport — if they can be found. The one now proposed by the NSL and soon to be fought fiercely by several clubs which, as usual, wake up six months too late) is neither simple nor logical.

It greatly favors recently admitted clubs that never even have played in a combined NSL at the expense of others that have been there since the beginning or soon after.

Of course, I realise that in

soccer longevity alone is no great merit; I find little to admire about Canberra's achievements over the years, having climbed to the top half of the table only twice in nine seasons — once in a divided, watered down league.

But if Canberra is to be judged by its peers, it should not be according to a humbug 'scientific' system — but on the pitch.

The NSL should have agreed, last year, to the simplest relegation system of them all: the first 7 teams from both divisions are in, the other 5 go out.

This is how all those damned foreigners in Germany, Holland, Hungary and even England would have handled the problem, not with this incredibly gauche system.

Of course, it's too late now; you can't tell clubs weeks into the season that there is a new relegation principle, unless it applies to 1987. Which I predict, again, will be the case anyway.

And just one more thing. I am absolutely convinced that a 14-team league will be more viable than the current one. Sure, the playing levels will rise because whatever modest talent we have will be concentrated in 14 teams and not in 24. But the extra expenses with travel will take the NSL back to the old problems which it was hoping to shed at the end of 1983.

And to achieve all that, clubs will be battling each other for the rest of 1986 with hatred.

World Cup count-down: No. 14- W.GERMANY

Schumacher, Briegel, Rummenigge are the only certainties

By PAUL MOON

Although widely recognised as one of the constant powers of world soccer, West Germany appeared, until very recently, destined to enter the World Cup finals as a long shot.

The reason was the woeful form Germany displayed in the latter half of 1985, when six successive games brought not a single victory and team manager Franz Beckenbauer looked a million years away from finding his ideal combination.

Early 1986 however has produced a morale-boosting win over Italy. Still, Beckenbauer shows no sign of finalising his squad for Mexico. Hardly a week goes by without players being added to the party or declining invitations to join.

Not that 'Der Kaiser' is so concerned. The West German sides which won the 1954 and 1974 World Cups and the European Championship of 1972 took shape at later stages of those tournaments.

But the Germans might not be permitted such a luxury in 1986. Drawn against Denmark, Scotland and Uruguay, they

may find that two below par performances will bring about early elimination.

At the time of writing, only three players seem reasonably assured of being in Beckenbauer's preferred line up for the opening game in Mexico — goalkeeper Harald Schumacher, the tank-like defender-cum-midfielder Hans-Peter Briegel and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, who remains a world-class striker despite losing some of the pace of his peak seasons.

If Beckenbauer can find the eight best, most solid, dependable and workmanlike players, competent at international level from the Bundesliga which has a remarkable record in producing such animals, to complement his three-strong backbone, then West Germany is capable of reaching the semi-finals.

But progress beyond that point appears beyond them.



WEST GERMANY, from left: Rummenigge, Schumacher, Briegel, Augenthaler, Allgower, K.H. Foerster, Thon, Kogel, Roff, Littbarski, Brehme.

Possible Squad

Harald Schumacher (Cologne): Known as 'Toni' — a nickname originally bestowed on him by Cologne fans after Toni Schumacher (no relation) who kept goal for the club in the 1960s. Known for his ruthless determination, but undoubtedly one of the most efficient and talented goalkeepers in Europe. The 1984 West German Footballer of the Year.

Uli Stein (SV Hamburg): Established himself as Schumacher's understudy after making his senior international debut in 1983.

Eike Immel (Borussia Dortmund): Reliable goalkeeper, has a handful of caps to his credit. He joined Dortmund from amateur club Eintracht Stadtallendorf in 1975, when 15.

Thomas Berthold (Eintracht Frankfurt): A solidly-built defender who can also play in midfield, he is one of West German football's great hopes for the future.

Karl Allgower (VFB Stuttgart): Midfielder, whose career has been blighted by a fiery temperament and inconsistency. He joined VFB from Stuttgart Kickers in 1980.

Wilfried Hannes (Borussia Moenchengladbach): Recently recalled to the national squad after a three-year absence, he lost an eye in a domestic accident when 14, but has overcome this handicap to win UEFA Cup and domestic honors at Moenchengladbach, his only

senior club. A 'fibero' who possesses a lethal shot.

Karl-Heinz Foerster (VFB Stuttgart): Solid, experienced central defender who joined Hamburg from MSV Duisburg in 1979 and graduated to the West German senior side via the B team.

Heinz Grunzel (SV Hamburg): Versatile defender who cost Hamburg \$200,000 when brought back to his native Germany from Belgium's Standard Liege last year.

Andreas Brehme (Kaiserslautern): A utility defender who will join Bayern Munich in a \$1.1 million transfer during the coming summer.

Mathias Herget (Bayer Uerdingen): A late-developing talent, he did not win his first senior cap until 27 years of age. His forte is long, accurate diagonal passing and powerful, swerving free kicks.

Hans-Peter Briegel (Verona): Last year became the first foreign-born player to be named West German Footballer of the Year, in recognition of his role in Verona's shock Italian League triumph.

Norbert Maier (Werder Bremen): The most gifted striker in contemporary West German domestic soccer, he has been plagued by injuries since becoming the country's Footballer of the Year and leading goalscorer in 1983.

Klaus Allofs (Cologne): A consistent goalscorer at the club level, but only a spasmotic one for West Germany to date, he cost Cologne a record fee for a domestic transfer (\$832,000) when moving from Fortuna Dusseldorf in 1981.

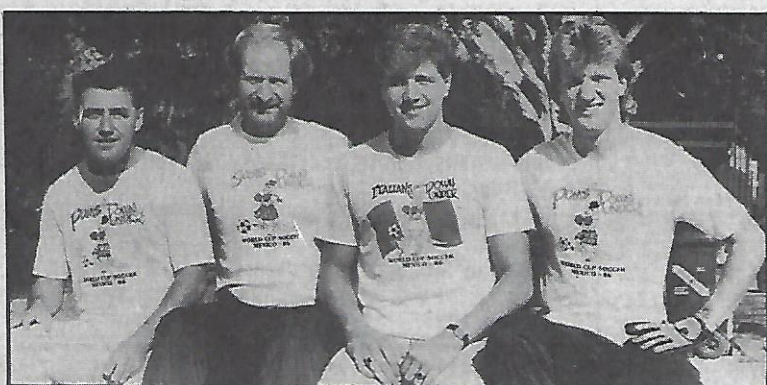
Franz Beckenbauer (Manager): Won almost everything available to him being voted European Footballer of the Year twice, West German Footballer of the Year four times and the North American Soccer League's Most Valuable Player, while appearing for teams which won the World Cup, European Championship, European Cup, UEFA Cup, the Bundesliga (four times), West German Cup (four times) and the American Soccer League championship during a career which saw service at Bayern Munich, Cosmos and SV Hamburg.

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At a recent Sydney match, where Apia, against all recent custom, was winning against St George, a pocket of Apia's shrinking band of tifosi began an old but increasingly unfamiliar chant.

We had not heard "Apia! Apia!" sung in unison at Sydney games for goodness knows how long.

To hear it was to be given a reminder of how times have changed.

What HAS happened to soccer's tumultuous Italians? What has happened to Apia in particular, whose supporters in the 1960s were the most massive of all, numbering even more than those of Sydney Olympic's well-supported predecessor, Pan Hellenic?

One argument will say that Italian migration to Australia has dried up that, like it has happened for both Sydney and Melbourne Hakoahs and for St George Budapest, and for Melbourne Hungaria, and many other clubs, the supportive generation has grown old, thinned by the passing of the old-timers, and the younger Italians, the more Aussie generation is not interested.

But I wonder if that is all of it. I will certainly go along with that argument where the Hakoahs and the Budapests are concerned. In their case the migrant pipeline is surely as dry as a bone and even in their heyday of guaranteed support their partisan following was never large.

(In the 1962 Sydney grand final Hakoah and Budapest attracted a crowd of 27,000. But I guarantee that the combined Hungarian and Jewish patronage could not have totalled 20 per cent of that. The rest came because of the football.)

I wonder, then, how much the class of football has to do with the fact that Apia's and even Marconi's crowds are not what they used to be and the Brunswick Juventus's crowds aren't what they should be.

Take South Melbourne Hellas and Sydney Olympic. Last year Hellas won the Southern Division title (that is, they finished on top of the table) almost in a canter. Sydney Olympic, although threatening, in the end won nothing except the rather compensatory Cup.

Yet Olympic's crowds were far better than those of Hellas whose attendances, even in comparison with more recent seasons when Hellas was winning nothing, were woefully dismal.

The reason: again the football and the footballers. Olympic had, and still has, classy footballers (Soper, Raskopoulos, Jennings, Kalantzis) but above all a bright, adventurous, entertaining style.

Hellas too had some classy footballers (Crino, Egan, Brown) but its football was painfully dull and to watch Hellas, frankly, was sometimes like having a tooth pulled.

A die-hard Sydney Croatia fan recently gave me the same reasoning when explaining why Croatia has such large crowds these days.

He says, and I tend to think he's right, that it's the class of Vedran Rozic, coupled with the skill of men like Odzakovic, Patikas and Jurin who were responsible for the rattling turnstiles in 1985. And now, with Patikas gone, Croatia has followed the right philosophy in choosing Lamond to replace him.

He also says that in the old days, when Croatia was a struggling, largely non-descript club, he would find himself going to Budapest matches for a much-often needed diversion, a diversion that Budapest's fine football of the time provided.

Budapest then had Abonyi, Williams, Warren, Utjesenovic, Atkinson with a style to match. Now Budapest has none of those, even in a contemporary sense, and it's no surprise that its following is shrinking.

And neither has Apia until perhaps Lato or some other magician arrives. It may be true that Les Scheinflug is, for pragmatic reasons, in need of those Argentinians he is about to import. But he has a real suspicion that to attract



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better crowds is an even more important reason for bringing them.

And if they fire, like Roberto Vieri did when he came, Marconi will have its reward in a boost in following, like it did when Vieri arrived.

So Apia's loss in support is not entirely due to a dried-up migrant flow or an ageing Italian population. As much, I believe, it is due to Apia's mediocre football of recent years and the mediocre players it has had.

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Atanasovski to Heidelberg

Heidelberg-Alexander last week signed midfielder Boris Atanasovski, 24, from Yugoslav Second Division club Robotnicki. A former Vardar Skopje youth player, Atanasovski had been training with Preston-Makodonia but declined the terms he was offered there. His brother Zoran, 20, also a midfielder, will arrive in Australia in four weeks' time, and also is expected to join Heidelberg.

ENTER CRAINIE, EXIT BROWN?

Doug Brown came to the end of the road at South Melbourne Hellas last week.

He had been transfer-listed late last season, he was reinstated when John Margaritis took over as coach, and now he's on the outer again.

Hellas was negotiating this week with Danny Crainie of Scottish club Dundee. He previously played for Celtic, Wolves and Blackpool. He's 24 and 5ft 8 ins.

Brown was top scorer in the NSL in 1983 and 1984 and is 6th among the all-time top scorers in NSL National Cup and top four games, with a total of 73.

Hellas coach John Margaritis said this week that many fans had turned against Brown, and that it had been a committee decision to make him available for transfer.

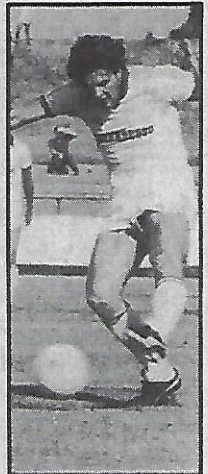
"We will make it easy for the boy. There is nothing wrong with him either as a man or as a player, but he has finished his run with Hellas. It's as simple as that."

The chop came after the match Hellas lost 0-1 to Footscray J.U.S.T. two weeks ago.

Adelaide Hellas was said to be interested in signing him.

But Brown remains on contract to SM-Hellas, which is obliged to keep paying him if he does not want to move.

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NATIONAL YOUTH TITLES

The 1986 National Youth Championship will be played at Monash University from May 13 to 16. The final will be played at Olympic Park No 1 Ground.

Draw and venues:

GROUP A: Victoria, Northern New South Wales, ACT, New South Wales.

GROUP B: Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia, Queensland.

TUESDAY MAY 13: Victoria v NSW 9.30am; Tasmania v South Aust 10.45am; ACT v NSW 2.15pm; West Aust v Queensland 3.30pm.

WEDNESDAY MAY 14: Victoria v ACT 9.30am; Tasmania v West Aust 10.45am; Nth NSW v NSW 2.15pm; South Aust v Queensland 3.30pm.

THURSDAY MAY 15: Nth NSW v ACT 9.30am; South Aust v West Aust 10.45am; Victoria v NSW 2.15pm; Tasmania v Queensland 3.30pm.

FRIDAY MAY 16: Group A 2nd v Group B 2nd (for third and fourth places) 9.30am. Group A 3rd v Group B 3rd (for fifth and sixth places) 9.30am. Group A 4th v Group B 4th (for seventh and eighth places) 9.30am.

FINAL: Winner of Group A v winner of Group B — Olympic Park No 1 Ground, kick-off at 2.45pm.

IN BRIEF

Year of Spain

Spanish teams are in the finals of all three European competitions. Semi-final results:

EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-final, second leg, Bucharest (Romania) 3 Anderlecht (Belgium) 0 Aggregate 3-1; Barcelona (Spain) 3 Gothenburg (Sweden) 0 (Agg 3-3, Barcelona won 5-4 on penalties).

CUP WINNERS' CUP: Dukla Prague (Czechoslovakia) 1 Dynamo Kiev (Soviet Union) 1. (Agg 1-4). Bayer Uerdingen (West Germany) 2 Atletico Madrid (Spain) 3. (Agg 2-4).

DEFA CUP: Waregem (Belgium) 3 Cologne (West Germany) 3 (Agg 3-7). Real Madrid (Spain) 5 Internazionale Milan (Italy) 1 (after extra time, 3-1 after 90 minutes. Agg 6-4).

Brazil beat East Germany 3-0 in Rio, Bulgaria downed Denmark in Sofia and Uruguay drew 1-1 with River Plate in Buenos Aires.

Danish international midfielder Soren Lerby has signed a three year contract with Monaco and will transfer from Bayern Munich at the end of the season.

AC Milan has negotiated the transfer of Fiorentina's Italian international midfielder Daniele Massaro for \$2.5 million.

Danilo Passarella, the Argentine international, will start the 1986-87 season as an Internazionale Milan player. Fiorentina has agreed to a transfer fee of \$690,000.

Florentina has agreed terms with Brazilian central defender Edinho, who will join from Udinese in July.

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Women's Cup

Australia is pushing to host a qualifying round for the first women's World Cup Soccer Tournament, probably in Sydney.

Planning for the competition, tentatively set for late 1987 or 1988, is still in the early stages and Australia is almost certain to be among the 16 teams that will compete.

Lia leaves

Rene Lia has been transfer listed by Fawcner at \$2,000 but is appealing against the fee.

Lia, 22, can play in midfield or up front. He's a former Juventus and Geydon player and also had a stint with Knox City as a junior.

Need a goalie?

Arthur Akritidis, former SM-Hellas youth team goalkeeper, is on the look-out for a new team. He was man of the match in the 1985 Southern Division Youth Final, and can be contacted at work on (03) 652 6412 or home on (03) 699 1082.

Free clinic

A free Soccer Clinic will be held Friday at Banyule Flats Reserve, Somers Drive, East Rosanna, from 10.30 am featuring coaches Brian Garvey, Tony Vrzina and Billy

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Davidson 41st, 52nd) BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Middle Park. Crowd: about 2,000.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS Laumets 7 — Russell 8, Blair 7, McDowell 7, Postecoglou 8 — Tassios 7, Halford 8, Miranda 7, Nicolaides 7 — Egan 8, Davidson 8, Coach John Manganis.

BRISBANE LIONS Farrow 6 — Jackson 7, McKimming 4, Vasquez 4, Ogden 3, R. Stewart 3 (Bell 81st), Niven 3, Meredith 2, Mulvey 3 — Anderson 2, Morton 3, J. Stewart 4. Coach: Col Bennett.

Best six for Ametco Travel best player award: Postecoglou (SMH), 4; Davidson (SMH), 4; Egan (SMH), 3; Halford (SMH), 2; Russell (SMH), 1; Nicolaides (SMH), 1.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Bosic 32nd) FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Tapi 30th, Lucic 54th) at Olympic Park. Crowd about 7000.

CROATIA Runje 5, Doankovic 7, Hannah 7, Curcio 7, Redmond 5 (Tajic 62nd) — Lucic 5, Biskic 7, Campbell 5, Bonacic 7 — Ward 6, Todoric 6. Coach: Miron Bleiberg.

J.U.S.T. Nikitovic 7 — Petrovic 7, Karic 9, Vukcevic 6, Banjakovic 7, Tapi 9, Bozovic 8, Belic 7 — Stolic 5 (Lazopoulos 72nd), Latif 6, Lucic 8, (Obak 87th) Coach: Dragoslav Sekularac.

Best six for Ametco Travel of the Year award: Tapi (J.U.S.T.), 4; Karic (J.U.S.T.), 3; Bozovic (J.U.S.T.), 2; Biskic (Croatia), 1; Doankovic (Croatia), 1.

CANTERBURY 0 MARCONI 2 (Lowe 52nd, Brown 53rd) at Arlington Oval. Crowd: 2000 (approx).

CANTERBURY Hummel 6 — Jebra 6, Svinos 8, Haniotis 7, Hantzis 8 — Kirwan 6, Anagnostopoulos (Radman 25th), Borges 7 — Petas 5, Philippou 5, Thannides 5. Coach: Domagoj Kapetanovic.

MARCONI James 7 — Carter 7, Sterrey 7, Wheatley 8, Rizzotto 7 (Henderson 48th), 7 — Gray 7, Mason 9, Trednick 8, Gunning 6 (Diene 58th), 6 — Lowe 8, Brown 7. Coach: Les Scheinflug.

Best six for Ametco Travel best player award: Mason (M), 5; Wheatley (M), 4; Lowe (M), 3; Hantzis (C), 2; Trednick (M), 1; Svinos (C), 1.

SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Arnold 48th) APIA 0 at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 5932.

SYDNEY CROATIA Watson 7 — Savor 7, M. Kovacic 7 (A. Kovacic 67th), 5; Rozic 7, Jonnings 7 — Odzakov 6, Burnora 6, Clinch 6 — Jurin 7, Arnold 8, Lamond 7. Coach: Vedran Rozic.

APIA Pezanzo 7 — Bozanic 7, Steven 8, Bertogna 8, Brown 7 — Hristovici 7, Bundalo 7, Butler 7 — Colagium 6 (Sterrey 63rd), 4; Dounis 5, Stewart 6. Coach: Rasic.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: Arnold (C), 1; Bertogna (A), 4; Steven (A), 3; Lamond (C), 2; Bundalo (A), 1; Savor (C), 1.

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD, UNITED 3 (15th and 42nd Ingham, 87th Jones).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (65th Johnstone 74th Brandt, 89th Raskopoulos) at Adamstown Oval. Crowd: 2837.

NSL DETAILS

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED — Gosling 7 — Milosevic 6, Maier 7, Bairon 7, Cavanah 8 — Mourou 8, Sanbaki 8, Crabtree 8, Owens 6 — Ingham 8, Jones 7. Coach: Peter Irving.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC Maier 6 — Stankovic 6, Coady 7, Dakos 6, Phillips 6, Johnstone 7, Estevao 5 (Brandt 48th), 8; Raskopoulos 6 — Soper 8, Stevenson 6, Kalantzis 7. Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

Best six for Ametco best player award: Cavanah (NRV), 5; Ingham (NRQ), 4; Brandt (S.O.), 3; Soper (S.O.), 2; Crabtree (NRU), 1; Maier (NRQ).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 3 (Lane 59th, Smith 80th, 89th) ADELAIDE CITY 0 at Connor Reserve. Attendance: 3350.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA Traianedes 5 — Roodhouse 5, Opasinas 7, Dobson 7, Ioski 6 — Campbell 5, Cote 5, Petrov 5, Heys 5 — Lane 7, Smith 6. Coach: Bill Murray.

ADELAIDE CITY McNally 5 — Higgins 4, Nyakohus 6, Flounders 7, Tobin (Alberton 9th), 7 — Costanzo 4, Melia 7, Vidmar 5, Maybank 5 — Mullen 4, Maxwell 4. Coach: Zoran Matic.

Best six for Ametco Travel player of the year award: Lane (PM), 5; Flounders (AC), 4; Opasinas (PM), 3; Dobson (PM), 2; Alberton (AC), 1; Melia (AC).

BLACKTOWN 3 (Thornthwaite 8th, Sandy 11th, Carroll 31st) SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 2 (Kosmina 55th & 61st) at Gabbie. Attendance: 1124.

BLACKTOWN Curtis 9 — Sharpe 6, Ainsworth 7, McKeld 7, Knight 6 — Bradley 7, Sandy 8, Byrne 7 — State 7, Carroll 6 (Northam 72nd), Thornthwaite 6. Coach: Casey De Bruin.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH McPherson 5 — Rodrigues 5 (Barnes 67th), O'Connor 6, Robertson 6, Hooker 6 — Watson 7, Gomez 7, De Marigny 6 — Farina 7, Kosmina 7, Lee 5 (Kay 69th). Coach: Eddie Thomson.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: Curtis (B), 5; Sandy (B), 4; Kosmina (SC), 3; Farina (SC), 2; Ainsworth (B), 1; Byrne (B).

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 2 (M. O'Shea 88, Koczka 92) CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS 1 (Phillips 11th) at St. George Stadium. Crowd: 827.

BUDAPEST Greedy 7 — Lambropoulos 6 (Cotton 7, 46th), Moffit 5 (Caban 6, 46th), M. O'Shea 6, R. O'Shea 6, Skeen 6, Ratcliffe 7, Ricoy 6 — Fletcher 6, Koczka 7, Porter 8. Coach: Frank Arok.

CANBERRA Franken 9 — Cant 7, Burke 6, Kulcar 5, Mazis 5 — Mihalidis 6, Sermanni 7, Bryant 5 (Dunn 76th), Phillips 7, Gibson 7, Junna 5. Coach: Roy Thomson.

Tough at the top

So tentative are the "top 14" placings that APIA tumbled from fifth to 14th simply because it lost to Sydney Croatia at the weekend.

But none of the teams actually dropped out of the top 14 this week.

Makedonia, Marconi and SM-Hellas are among the clubs that improved their positions.

The 14 teams for the 1987 NSL will be chosen according to a formula which awards points for past performance, placings this year and crowd support in 1986.

Here are the points totals so far (crowd figures used are not official).

- 81.1 Syd Olympic
- 80.9 Prest. Makedonia
- 80.9 Syd Croatia
- 78.0 Marconi
- 77.5 B/wick Juventus
- 70.5 Syd C. Hakoah
- 65.9 Sth Melb Hellas
- 64.1 Sun Geo Cross
- 63.0 H'berg-Alexander
- 61.0 Footh. JUST
- 58.0 Melb. Croatia
- 56.9 Adel. C. Juventus
- 55.7 Wollongong
- 55.7 APIA
- 49.9 Blacktown
- 45.4 St. Geo. Budapest
- 37.9 Green Gully
- 33.1 Adel. Hellas
- 32.8 Brish. City
- 31.2 C'herra Olympians
- 28.8 Newc. Rosebud
- 24.4 Inter-Monaro
- 20.4 Brish. Lions
- 20.4 C'bury-Mville

KYRI'S ON THE WAY BACK

Kyri Kyriakoulas is likely to come out of his short retirement and resume with Footscray J.U.S.T., which also has been negotiating with South Australian Rothmans Medalist Paul Shillabeer of Beograd.

However, neither of them will be available for the national Cup match against Heidelberg-Alexander at Olympic Park on Sunday. SM-Hellas, with Alan Davidson as striker, will meet Croydon in the earlier match of the double-header.

Kyriakoulas quit after the 1985 season because he bought a business in Brighton, which left him little time for training. Now that it is well established, however, he is interested in making a comeback.

J.U.S.T. needs at least one more defender. Shillabeer, who plays as sweeper or right back, rejected J.U.S.T.'s initial offer, but J.U.S.T. came up with more money and there was still a chance he would agree as we went to press.

Suleiman Curovic, recruited from Melbourne Croatia two weeks ago, may be included against Heidelberg at least on the bench. He has played in just about every position, but is best suited to the midfield. J.U.S.T. coach Dragoslav Sekularac, however, may try him out at full back.

Heidelberg, meanwhile, may include new signing Boris Atanasovski (see page 3).

Croydon knocked Green Gully out of the Cup, and now is gunning for Hellas. It will be a big day for Croydon's Graham Funnell and Peter Ollerton, both former Hellas players.



● Kyri Kyriakoulas



● Ray Farrugia

Croydon's Mark Brown is likely to make Charlie Egan, but it remains to be seen who takes Davidson. Midfielder Jim McLean should be back in the line-up, as he will serve his one-match suspension against St. Albans Dinamo on Friday.

Hellas of course, has more speed and class than Croydon, but Andy Humble in particular, is capable of beating any team.

Dave McIntosh returns to Melbourne Croatia for its

Top Six: 6. Franken (C), 5. Porter (B), 4. Ratcliffe 3. Koczka (both B), 2. Sermanni, 1. Cant (both C).

BRISBANE CITY 0 BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 5 (Zinni 2, Dowie 2, Wade, at Spencer Park. Crowd: 2878).

BRISBANE CITY Wishart (Lettieri 13th) — 6. Bromfield 8, Caird 5, Mengotti 5, Archer 4 — White 8, Hogg 5, Hamilton 6 (Milosevic 73rd) — Fabrizio 4, Reis 6, Cooper 6. Coach: Jim Hermans.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS Banovic 7 — Lewis 7, Brown 8, Yzendoorn 7, Durakovic 6 — Wade 8, Dowie 9, Campbell 6, Cullen 6 — Patterson 7, Zinni 7. Coach: Len McIndy.

Best six for Ametco Travel best player award: 6. Dowie (BJ), 5. Brown (BJ), 4. Wade (BJ), 3. Zinni (BJ), 2. Lewis (BJ), 1. Hamilton (BC).

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (Richardson 32nd Penalty) HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 1 (Hunter 59th Penalty) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 2430.

GEORGE CROSS Keogh 7 — James 7, Richardson 7, Parton 7, Taylor 7 — Bain 7, Faulkner 7, McLaren 6 (Campbell 80th), Lannon 6 (Markovski 75th) — Glider 8, Mitten 7. Coach: John Gardner.

HEIDELBERG Over 6 — McKie 7, A. Hunter 9, Selemidis 8, Marley 7 — Pappas 7, Kanesoulis 8, Valentine 7 — Deligiannis 6, Lucchesi 8, Tsolakis 6. Coach: Brian Garvey.

Best six for Ametco Travel best player award: G. Hunter (H), 5; Selemidis (H), 4; Glider (GC), 3; Lucchesi (H), 2; Kanesoulis (H), 1; James (GC).

ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 GREEN GULLY 3 (Lewis 20th, 57th, 83rd) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2500.

ADELAIDE HELLAS Spraul 5 — Brown 7, Yankos 6, Duggan 7, Hogg 7 — Manou 8, Hristodoulou 8, McLaughlin 8, Scott 6 — Honeyman 6, Konstandopoulos 7. Coach: Neil McGachay.

GREEN GULLY Denys 8 — Vizzini 7, Cannell 7, McLelland 8, Duggan 7 — Cumming 6 (Barichelo 7, 36th), Fraser 6, Flavell 7, Reynolds 8 — Paul Lewis 9, D. Ward 8. Coach: George Murray.

Best six for Ametco Travel of the Year award: 6. Lewis (GG), 5. Fraser (GG), 4. McLaughlin (AM), 3. Ward (GG), 2. Manou (AH), 1. Reynolds (GG).

WOLLONGONG CITY 3 (Kotamanidis 5th, 6th, 61st defeated Inter-Monaro 1 (A. Carbone 70th) at Seiffort Oval, Quabenbayan. Crowd: 720.

MONARO Hozovici 7 — Tulawa 7, Gattetti 6, Budini 7 (Williams 55th), 6; Willox 8 — A. Ambrosino 8, A. Carbone 8, P. Dachs — Winn 7, Walsh 7, Wotherspoon 6 (F.D. Astoria 72th). Coach: Frank Hogg.

WOLLONGONG Young 7 — Green 7, Vlietstra 7, Chilly 6, Morlando 7 — Cokely 6, Arcosa 7 (Gaffney 63rd), Murray 7 — Gerald 7, Kotamanidis 7, Batten 8. Coach: John Fleming.

Top six for Ametco award: 6. Carbone (IM), 5. Batten (IM), 4. Ambrosini (IM), 3. Budini (IM), 2. Kotamanidis (W), 1. Murray (W).

National Cup second round matches, with likely winners in capitals:

FRIDAY
Sydney City Hakoah v NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD at Sydney Athletic Field, 3pm.
Brisbane City v MELITA EAGLES at Spencer Park, 3pm.

SUNDAY
Adelaide Hellas v ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30pm.
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v Croydon City at Olympic Park, 2pm.
Heidelberg-Alexander v FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. at Olympic Park, 4pm.
St. George Budapest v BLACKTOWN at St. George Stadium, 2pm.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v Wollongong at St. George Stadium, 4pm.
Canberra Olympians v MELBOURNE CROATIA at Bruce Stadium, 3pm.

clash with Canberra Olympians at Bruce Stadium, Captain who broke his leg last Sunday and Luciano Fabrizio who was sent off, is likely to fall victim to the accomplished Melita Eagles at Spencer Park, providing the Eagles can handle the travelling and the heat.

Almost the entire Eagles team has NSL experience and Ray Farrugia is a Maltese international, so it won't be at all daunting playing against an NSL opponent.

Adelaide Hellas's expensive stars have just about their last chance to produce the goods when they confront Adelaide Juventus at Hindmarsh Stadium. Adrian Santac and Charley Villani, however, should be back in the Juventus team, so I wouldn't give Hellas much hope.

The reshuffled St. George Budapest line-up appears to lack the cohesion necessary to beat Blacktown at St. George Stadium. Having downed Hakoah last weekend, Blacktown is on the verge of realising the potential of its many expensive recruits.

Wollongong so far has fared a lot better than anyone had expected but despite the undoubted talent of Rivero, Arcosa, Vlietstra and Murray, Wollongong is not in the class of its opponent Sydney Olympic.

Murray Barnes, the former Soccerro captain, has been scoring goals galore in Hakoah's youth team, and is determined to win back a place in the senior eleven. Coach Eddie Thomson may just give him the chance against Newcastle.

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from everything the man says. I even lie to him talking to other players just so that I can pick of things. He's incredible. He's a real professional."

"Another top European professional, Zorislav Sebric, who is on Dinamo coaching staff and is a director of coaching in Croatia, plauded with Boziovski not to return to Australia. Like Sekularac, Sebric recognised the quality of Boziovski's ball control.

"Sebric told me I was just half a season away from getting into the first team. I'd gone to Italy twice with Dinamo's reserves and once with the youth team and we'd thumped PSV Eindhoven's youth 7-1 in a big tournament which also involved Inter Milan and Napoli. I really be-

homesick. I wanted to come back after just three months but I persevered as long as I could. If I'd had my family over there I'd have stayed."

But Dinamo hasn't forgotten Boziovski. He returned to Australia with a letter from Dinamo's president inviting him to try his luck again and Boziovski still thinks about giving it a third go. He wouldn't find it so hard to settle down this time for his wife is from Zagreb.

"Yeah, it's still in the back of my mind. To be honest, I'd love to play over there. Maybe I'll go back. I don't know."

Boziovski has signed a one-year contract with JUST. There's no maximum transfer fee clause in it but he doesn't see that as a barrier to his deep-seated desire to make it in Europe.

Ansett.

NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SYD OLYMPIC	2	2	0	14	6	6
MARCONI	3	0	1	9	4	6
SYD. CROATIA	3	0	1	9	4	6
WOLLONGONG	3	0	1	8	4	6
BLACKTOWN	3	0	1	5	5	6
APIA-Leichhardt	2	1	1	4	2	5
Syd City Hakoah	1	1	2	8	3	3
St. Geo Budapest	1	1	2	5	6	3
C'herra Olympians	1	1	2	3	4	3
Newc-Rosebud	0	3	1	4	8	3
Canterbury	0	0	1	3	2	1
Inter-Monaro	0	0	4	2	1	0

NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
PRESTON MAKEDONIA	2	2	0	4	0	6
SUN. GEORGE CROSS	2	2	0	5	3	6
FOOTSCRAY JUST	3	0	1	6	9	6
B/WICK JUVENTUS	2	1	1	9	1	5
ADEL. C. JUVENTUS	2	1	1	11	6	5
Sth Melb Hellas	2	0	2	3	2	4
H'berg-Alexander	1	2	1	4	4	4
Green Gully	1	1	2	5	4	3
Melb. Croatia	1	1	2	3	7	3
Brisbane City	1	1	2	3	9	3
Adelaide Hellas	1	0	3	5	8	2
Brisbane Lions	0	1	3	1	6	1

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Leading votegetters: (Mak), Archer (BC)

- 18 — Franken (Can)
- 16 — Wade (BJ), Dobson (Mak)
- 15 — Bertogna (APIA)
- 14 — Postecoglou (SMH), Karic (JUST)
- 13 — Odzakov (Syd. Croat), Gomez (Syd. Hak), Selemidis (Heid)
- 12 — Soper (Oly)
- 11 — Arnold & Syd. Croat, Wheatley (Marc), A. Ambrosino (IM), Kalantzis (Oly), Maxwell, Flounders (AJ), McIntosh (M. Croat)
- 10 — Murray (Woll), Brown (APIA), Blair, Davidson (SMH), Opasinas
- 9 — Carter, Butler (APIA), Dakos (Oly), Mengotti (BC), James (Geo. Cross), Fraser, Cumming (GG), Boziovski (JUST)
- 8 — Rozic (Syd. Croat), Trednick (Marc), Bundalo (APIA), R. Campbell (Mak), Parton (Geo. Cross), Dunn (Ad.Hell), D. Hunter, J. Stewart (Lions)
- 7 — Jurin (Syd. Croat), Ingham (Newc), Lowe (Marc), Steven (APIA), Bradley (Black), Marley (Heid), Honeyman (Ad. Hell)

Team of the week

In brackets: No. of appearances in team of the week.

CURTIS (1) (Blacktown)	CAVANAH (1) (Newc-Rosebud)	KARIC (1) (Foots JUST)	HUNTER (1) (H'berg)	POSTECOGLOU (2) (SM-Hellas)
MASON (1) (Marconi)	TAPI (1) (Foots JUST)	DOWIE (2) (B. Juventus)	LEWIS (1) (Green Gully)	DAVIDSON (1) (SM-Hellas)
		ARNOLD (1) (Syd. Croatia)		



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Leading scorers:
5 — Maxwell (AJ)
4 — Kosmina (Syd. Hak), Johnston (Oly), Zinni (BJ), Paul Lewis (GG)
3 — Jurin (Syd. Croat), Batten (Woll), Wade (BJ).

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Leading votegetters:
14 — Postecoglou (SM-Hellas)
11 — Kalantzis (Syd. Olympic)
8 — Bundalo (APIA), D. Hunter (Lions)
7 — Ingham (Newc. Rosebud)

Wado's tops with 'Seki'

JUST coach 'Seki' Sekularac, one of the all-time greats of Yugoslav football, is using Boziovski as a playmaker in the midfield and that's just the role the youngster relishes.

"You're given the freedom to play once you've got the ball. I like that. But we don't forget the defensive aspects of a game. We have to get back behind the ball when the other side has possession.

This probably is the fittest JUST has ever been but I don't concentrate only on the physical stuff. We also do an awful lot of ball work at training.

Sekularac is different class. I've got 100 percent respect for the man. I've been training under him for only a month but I've learned more from him than from

Wishart breaks leg, Zinni, Fabrizio off!



Ricky Rosso

**Bris. City 0
B. Juventus 5**
Scorers: 1-0 Zinni 11th, 2-0 Wade 24th, 3-0 Zinni 46th, 4-0 Dowie 58th, 5-0 Dowie 87th.

Venue: Spencer Park.
Crowd: 2978.
Referee: Graham Warne B.
Cautions: Milosevic (BC).
Send-offs: Fabrizio (BC), Zinni (B.J.).

For Brunswick Juventus the scoresheet read scored five, lost one. For Brisbane City it was lost a Wishart — everything else was unimportant.

Juventus' loss was star striker Andrew Zinni who got his marching orders along with Brisbane city's Luciano Fabrizio in the 76th minute. His suspension could be a costly blow to Juventus' championship charge.

The absence of Fabrizio similarly will not help City's cause, but its real loss was keeper Kim Wishart who was carried from the field with a broken leg just 11 minutes into the game.

Wishart, 29, has been the most consistent and ever-present player in the City side for the past three years. He has, at times, been the difference between winning and losing. His absence could have frightening repercussions to City's chances of finishing high enough to gain a berth in next year's revised NSL format.

While City coach Jim Hermonston was lamenting the continuing bad luck which dogs his coaching career, Juventus coach Len McKendry could rest easy that his team is on its way to retaining the national championship crown.

Juventus looked brilliant at times, its quick passing, forward-moving game was a delight to watch and even a City side at full strength would have been lucky to avoid defeat.

But the City players made things hard for themselves. They gave the ball away with alarming monotony, tackled half-heartedly and threw replacement keeper Garry Bromfield to the wolves.

Bromfield opted to take the keeper's jersey when Wishart broke his leg in falling awkwardly to stop a Zinni shot in the 11th minute. As the ball rolled under the big keeper and into the net, his entire body weight came down on his twisted leg, fracturing the fibula.

Bromfield looked shaky in dropping the first few balls which came his way and his inexperience between the

sticks probably was the reason for Juve's next goal. John Dowie, whose midfield work rate and forward penetration set up the Juventus win, cleverly curled a corner into the goal-mouth. Bromfield was unable to take the ball and Paul Wade danced in unchallenged to nod home.

But the next three goals were a result of poor defence and mistakes by City and certainly not Bromfield's fault.

In injury time of the first half, stopper Frank Mengotti yet again lost possession on the edge of his own penalty box which allowed Zinni to break through the flat Brisbane defence and slot the ball home.

Dowie got the first of his 13 minutes later. An over-enthusiastic tackle by Mengotti on Rob Cullen gave Juventus a penalty but Eddie Campbell, possibly considering Bromfield an easy target to beat, sliced his attempt wide of goal as he tried to place it in the corner.

In the 73rd minute Hermonston replaced his captain, Bobby Hamilton — one of the few players trying to do any work — with Dean Milosevic. The former Newcastle player's first contribution to the game was to push over Juventus' midfielder Mehmet Durakovic.

Players from both sides rushed in and a scuffle broke out after which Milosevic was booked.

The incident sparked agitation on both sides and just three minutes later matters bubbled over again. Zinni made a break down the right

Man of the match:
JOHN DOWIE
(B. Juventus)

and was tackled by Fabrizio. Both players lashed out at each other and punches were thrown. Sydney referee Graham Warne, who had kept tight control on the game, had no hesitation in flashing the red card at both offenders.

A blast from McKendry saw order restored to the Juventus team and despite a slip which nearly saw Campbell head past Banovic for an own goal, the side managed to regroup and score a final goal.

And it was the clever thinking of Dowie which enabled the score to be increased to five. Dowie won the ball in midfield and was set to pass forward when he noticed City had played Scott Patterson and Rob Cullen offside.

Dowie held the ball until his team-mates could gain their ground, played a one-two with Cullen, then raced away to score.



• Kim Wishart



• Andrew Zinni

Bumper TV coverage of World Cup finals

SBS-TV and the ABC will provide dual coverage of the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico, to be played from May 31 to June 29.

The two national networks have agreed to provide a combination of live satellite transmissions and replayed highlights at different times, offering Australian television audiences a concise and comprehensive coverage of the world's most prestigious event.

The ABC will televise live, via satellite, the opening ceremony and the match between Bulgaria and world champion Italy on Sunday, June 1 (AEST), then screen nine subsequent satellite matches including the World Cup final on June 30 (AEST). It also will screen one hour of edited highlights from the day's action at 10 pm each night.

SBS-TV has agreed to provide 13 satellite telecasts from the preliminary rounds, plus four matches from stage two of the competition. SBS-TV's selection of matches from the preliminary rounds will depend on the importance of the fixtures towards a team's progress to stage two, although the network has selected the 13 games it proposes to telecast.

The joint agreement between SBS-TV and the ABC also will see SBS-TV rescreening the one hour of match highlights each morning after the ABC has put them to air the previous night.

Matches to be shown live via satellite (times shown are Australian eastern standard times):

Sunday, June 1, 6 am: Bulgaria v Italy (opening ceremony) on ABC.
Sunday, June 2, 3.45 am: Spain v Brazil on SBS-TV.

Tuesday, June 3, 3.45 am: USSR v Hungary on SBS-TV.

Wednesday, June 4, 7.45 am: Portugal v England on SBS-TV.

Thursday, June 5, 7.45 am: Scotland v Denmark on SBS-TV.

Friday, June 6, 3.45 am: Italy v Argentina on SBS-TV.

Saturday, June 7, 3.45 am: Brazil v Algeria on SBS-TV.

Sunday, June 8, 7.45 am: Poland v Portugal on SBS-TV.

Monday, June 9, 3.45 am: West Germany v Scotland on SBS-TV.

Tuesday, June 10, 3.45 am: Hungary v France on SBS-TV.

Wednesday, June 11, 3.45 am: Argentina v Bulgaria on SBS-TV.

Thursday, June 12, 7.45 am: England v Poland on SBS-TV.

Friday, June 13, 3.45 am: Northern Ireland v Brazil on SBS-TV.

Saturday, June 14, 3.45 am: Scotland v Uruguay on SBS-TV.

Monday, June 16, time to be announced: Stage two match on SBS-TV.

Tuesday, June 17, time to be announced: Stage two match on SBS-TV.

Wednesday, June 18, time to be announced: Stage two match on SBS-TV.

Thursday, June 19, time to be announced: Stage two match on SBS-TV.

Sunday, June 22, 6.15 am: Quarter-finals one and two on ABC.

Monday, June 23, 6.15 am: Quarter-finals three and four on SBS-TV.

Thursday, June 26, 6.15 am: both semi-finals on ABC.

Sunday, June 29, 6.15 am: Third-place match on ABC.

Monday, June 30, 3.45 am: World Cup final on ABC.

Striker Davo plucks Lions' whiskers

Man of the match:
ANGIE POSTECOGLOU
(SM-Hellas)

**SM-Hellas 2
Bris. Lions 0**
Scorer: Davidson 41st.

Venue: Middle Park.
Crowd: about 2,000.
Cautions: Egan (SMH), Vasquez, McKinnim, Niven (BL).

Referee: Evan Vanlos B.
If Brisbane Lions leave the National League at the end of this season they won't be missed.

They are so inept that coach Col Bennett, being interviewed for SBS TV by Kyle Patterson after the match, said he might as well pull his boots back on. He's quite right. Certainly the former Soccerco couldn't do any worse than most of his players.

Move over Green Gully, for here come Lions to take over the mantle of the worst team in the Southern Division.

Lions mustered six shots for the entire match. Two were on target.

Alan Niven, a former Soccerco, played in midfield, turning in what could be the worst display of his career. Not that he was surrounded by team mates who were any better.

The word from Queensland was that Clarke Anderson was another Charlie Egan. On this display, Anderson couldn't even lace Egan's boots.

Hellas coach John Margari-



Craig MacKenzie

tis looked like he had hit the panic button when he revealed to the press two days before the game that Alan Davidson would play up front alongside Egan.

Some say that good players can play anywhere and Davidson certainly lent credibility to that view with his performance, capped by two goals. Doug Brown was watching from the grandstand, having played in the youths. He was transfer-listed earlier in the week and Margaris said that it was due to pressure placed on the committee by certain supporters.

Geez, I was dumb enough to think that Frank Arok's right-hand man in Victoria decided which players he wanted and when to offload players! Oh well, you live and learn, but what a strange way to do business. Brown was transfer-listed late last year, taken off the list, put back on it, taken off again and now is listed again. Vlado Bozinovic was put on the transfer list, read about it in

the papers, asked if it was true, was told it wasn't and a few weeks later was transfer-listed and joined Footscray JUST.

But let's look at the positive side. Hellas positively killed Lions and should have won by six or seven goals.

Davidson should have notched a hat-trick while Carl Halford, Bobby Russell, Socrates Nicolaides and Steve Tasios enjoyed the quality of the opposition and played well. Oh, I almost forgot, Angie Postecoglou was superb. He's such a good player that I'm starting to take his performances for granted.

Nicolaides sent over a corner to the near post in the 41st minute. Miranda headed on and Davidson, from four metres out, struck the ball in first time. There was nothing special about the goal but any doubts about Davidson's ability to play up front were completely dispelled in the second half.

Incidentally, Lions had one shot in the first half, from a free kick. The ball sailed harmlessly past the far post.

The second half was eight

minutes old when Carl Halford won the ball in midfield and chipped it over the square. Lions defence, Davidson ran about 20 metres with the ball, hounded by Bobby McKinnim all the way. Davidson used his body superbly and, from the left of the area, struck a firm, low drive which hit the far post and went in.

Two minutes earlier, Tasios should have scored. Halford sent Egan down the right. Egan rounded Farrow and cut the ball back but Tasios, with the goal at his mercy, struck the post from six metres out.

In the 68th minute, Bobby Russell chipped his free kick to Davidson. It's hard to believe, I know, but Davidson was standing near the penalty spot, completely unmarked. He pulled the ball down, casually turned around and faced helpless Farrow only to smash his shot onto the post.

By now, Lions had managed another shot, a John Stewart effort, but it was far too high. Lions spluttered into action with two more shots in as many minutes. Surprisingly, one of them was on target but Peter Laumets had no problems.

Eight minutes were left when John Stewart put Anderson through for Lions' only clear-cut chance. Anderson slid down and thumped the ball high and wide.

Lions had another shot but I can't remember who hit it. By now, almost every Lions player had paled into insignificance. Steve Jackson was the exception. He battled hard against Egan.

Arnold wins it



Mike Mikolajczyk

**Syd Croatia 1
APIA 0**
Scorer: Arnold 45th.

Referee: R. Loran B.
Cautions: Bozovic, Steven, Hristovskii (all APIA).

This clash did not quite live up to the expectations of a 'Match of the Day' billing. However, as expected, it was tough, uncompromising, played at a furious pace and competitive to the final whistle.

The predicted tactical battle turned out to be a simple case of control of midfield.

APIA seldom allowed Croatia's midfield to settle into its usual fluency. Bundalo, Butler and Hristovskii closed down their opponents swiftly and without too much ceremony. The tackling may have been a touch rugged but it succeeded in putting several Croatian players off their game.

The two best goalscoring chances in the first half came from a corner and a quick counter-attack. In the 23rd minute Croatia's Wally Savor cleared Arno Bertogna's header off the goal line. Ten minutes later winger Zeljko Jurin broke clear but his lobbed shot clipped the crossbar.

With only two minutes gone in the second half, a series of events unfolded which culminated in the scoring of the winning goal.

Man of the match:
GRAHAM ARNOLD
(Croatia)

First Manis Lamond scampered into the clear but was pulled back by APIA's central defender Tom Steven just metres short of the penalty area.

After Steven's booking, Graham Arnold's powerfully-driven freekick was deflected by the same defender for a corner.

Shane Clinch swung the ball over, Lamond won possession, found Jurin, Pezzano blocked the shot from point-blank range but Arnold, left unmarked for the moment, made no mistake from six metres.

Both sides continued to attack and nine minutes from the end APIA had its best chance to score and salvage a point. A shot-cum-cross by Louis Dounis from close range rolled across the face of goal and substitute Glen Steven was not quick enough to force the ball in.

Six minutes from time, Arnold and Pezzano provided the large crowd and TV cameras with some vintage action. Arnold, in full flight, thundered a dipping 25-metre volley which was acrobatically tipped over the bar by the APIA goalkeeper.

Croatia leads in Tasmania

Croatia-Glenorchy took the lead on goal difference over White Eagles in the Tasmanian Cadbury State League following its 2-2 draw with Juventus-Pioneer and an emphatic 7-1 drubbing of Caledonians mid-week.

White Eagles managed only a scoreless draw against Calles but then came back strongly in midweek to beat Rapid 4-0 with Andrew Leszczynski grabbing a hat-trick.

Neil Morrison turned in a fine performance for Eagles, setting Leszczynski up for two of the goals, while Dave Stoddard scored Eagles' fourth goal, his first of the league season.

Tasmanian results: White Eagles 0 Caledonians 0, Croatia-Glenorchy 2 (Basic, Collins) Juventus-Pioneer 2 (Pace, Fabrizio), Croatia-Glenorchy 7 (Basic 3, McIntyre 3, O'Brien) Caledonians 1 (Murtagh), White Eagles 4 (A. Leszczynski 3, Stoddard) Rapid 0.

TASMANIAN STANDINGS

	W	D	L	P	A	P
Croatia	2	1	0	1	4	5
White Eagles	2	1	0	7	0	5



• Franco Previti, White Eagles recruit from Italy

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J.U.S.T. is winning battle for survival



● JUST striker Vlado Stolic rises high to head at goal at Olympic Park on Sunday. Picture: LES SHORROCK

Melb Croatia 1 Foots JUST 2

Scorers: 0-1 Tapai pen, 30th, 1-1 Bonacic 32nd, 1-2 Lujic 54th.
Venue: Olympic Park.
Crowd: about 7000.
Referee: Stuart Mellings 5.
Cautions: Bonacic (Cr), Hannah (Cr).

The difference between J.U.S.T. and Croatia appears to be this: J.U.S.T. has a sense of purpose. It has wallowed in mediocrity for long enough. It wants to stay in the National League. It is fighting for its life. Croatia feels no such urgency after a productive summer during which it won three cups.

Croatia struggled to draw with Green Gully. It was hammered by Juventus, rallied briefly to beat Heidelberg and showed a lot of faults in losing to J.U.S.T. last Sunday.

But as Drago Deankovic, the brilliant right back, said after the match, it's only a matter of sticking together and avoiding panic.

In Croatia's defence, it must be said that Dave McIntosh was missing, and that his replacement by Tony Redmond, lacked match practice. But why was Redmond used at all — especially at left back when Mark Talajic is better suited to that position, and he has had more match practice than Redmond? And why was Zeljko Govic, the goalkeeper, dropped back to the reserves, after having

Man of the match:
ERNIE TAPAI
(Foots JUST)



Laurie Schwab

played well against Heidelberg?

With Redmond at left back, George Hannah, who usually plays left back, went to the middle to mark Oslie Latif. Ante Lujic came into the team at the expense of Robert Markovic who played in the reserves.

J.U.S.T. had Zdravko Lujic back, and Bill Lazopoulos was on the bench, along with Branko Oblak.

Ernie Tapai emerged as the man of the match, for his high work-rate and total commitment. The kid recruited from Melbourne Hungary by former J.U.S.T. coach Cedo Cirkevich, had the dual responsibility of tagging the much taller Luka Bonacic, and also creating attacks when J.U.S.T. had possession. Some of his surges upfield were nothing short of breathtaking.

Tom Karic, so often an unsung hero for J.U.S.T., was faultless in defence, cutting out

every ball in the middle, and executing a perfect tackle which prevented Gary Ward from scoring two minutes from the end!

Similar tackles were made by Deankovic, Lujic and Ljube Petrovski on Davor Todoric.

J.U.S.T. attacked almost exclusively through Lujic down the left in the first half, with Vlado Stolic supplying the through balls. The tussle between Lujic and Deankovic alone was worth the price of an admission ticket. Deankovic later was to call Lujic "The classical left winger."

Lujic praised Deankovic as: "The best right back in Australia."

But Deankovic and his fellow defenders cannot escape

the blame for leaving Lujic all on his own to score the winning goal in the 54th minute.

And even J.U.S.T. coach Dragoslav Sekularac said that J.U.S.T.'s first goal was a "gift". He blamed Mirko Runje for making an "amateurish mistake" in conceding a penalty by flooring Vlado Stolic, who wasn't even on a shooting angle. Stolic had got into the box because Redmond had mistimed his header. Having floored Stolic, Runje then was beaten by Tapai's penalty attempt.

The lead however, lasted only two minutes, and it was Bonacic, who played for J.U.S.T. last season, who equalised with a low shot following a cross from Davor Todoric.

Bonacic then ran towards the J.U.S.T. supporters in the far stand, and made a provocative gesture similar to the one over which Eli Ohana was sent off during Israel's World Cup match against Australia last year.

Lujic scored from an unmarked position in the 54th minute, after Bozinovski received a pass from Stolic and played a superb through ball to Lujic.

An aerial challenge by Lujic in the box resulted in the ball coming down to Latif, with Runje out of goal. Latif's shot beat Runje, but Croatia sweeper Tony Curcio cleared off the goal line.

Croatia coach Miron Bleiberg replaced Redmond with Talajic in the 62nd minute. Talajic was solid in defence, and also contributed to the attack.

But it was J.U.S.T. that broke away again, through Tapai, who finally released the ball into space for Latif. The striker could have brought the ball closer to goal but he shot too early.

Bill Lazopoulos replaced the disappointing Stolic in the 72nd minute, as Croatia started to get on top. Ward appealed strongly for a penalty after goading Stolic in the box in the 74th minute, and continued to shake his head in disbelief after referee Stuart Mellings had turned down the appeal.

During a period of tremendous pressure, a shot by Ante Lujic was blocked at close range, and J.U.S.T. almost conceded an own goal when Deankovic's drive deflected off the head of Vlado Stolic.

Man of the match:
TONY FRANKEN
(Canberra)

crowd booed, Pedro Ricoy lobbed the free kick in for Mike O'Shea to head in the equaliser.

There was more drama in the 90th minute as Roy Cotton and Andrew Koczka made a break only to be pulled up for an offside which, courtesy of Jimmy Cant, simply did not occur. But injury time saw Koczka drive in the winner from a neat cross by Tony Caban.

"All credit to Canberra for holding out as long as they did," Arok said later. Most of that credit must go to the undoubted star of the afternoon, young Soceroo goalie Franken, who, virtually single handed, almost managed to salvage the points for his side.

Soon after taking the lead, but most spectacularly after half-time, Canberra surrendered the initiative to a desperately attacking Budapest, almost frantic in trying to record its first win of the NSL season.

Canberra only managed to

really bother the Saints once after its goal, in the 80th minute when a break by Phillips and Gibson was thwarted by the combined efforts of Terry Greedy, the cross bar and that greatest defender of all, Lady Luck.

Apart from that, it was Franken pulling off one brilliant save after another throughout the 92 minutes of the match.

Another to grab attention was Budapest import Stewart Porter, who showed delicate skills in attack early in the piece and was even more effective when pulled back into midfield later on.

As for Canberra, they were tipped to be also-rans in 1986, and thus far seem unlikely to "disappoint".



Peter Scott

St. George 2 Canberra 1

Scorers: 0-1 Phillips 11th, 1-1 M. O'Shea 88th, Koczka 92nd.
Venue: St George Stadium.
Crowd: 827.

The final scoreline may read St. George Budapest 2 Canberra 1, but until the 88th minute it was Tony Franken 1 Budapest 0. That is the only fair way to describe the afternoon's proceedings witnessed by a tiny crowd at sun-drenched St. George Stadium last Sunday.

The visitors hit the front with an 11th minute shocker, when Ray Juma and Ian Gibson combined for a smart one-two move which put Phillips into the clear about 10 metres

out and he immediately capitalised on the chance.

It took the Saints a few more minutes before they recovered, handicapped probably by the reshuffle of an already reshuffled defence. David Ratcliffe and David Skene were playing midfield from the outset, but by the second half both were back in their accustomed defensive position — Ratcliffe even sooner.

At half-time Frank Arok tried to calm his men by predicting that the two goals needed for a win will come in the 85th and 88th minutes. He was not far wrong. As it turned out they came in the 88th and 92nd minutes.

In the first instance referees were high when referee Power ignored the fact that Graham Fletcher broke away from the illegal attentions of two defenders into the clear and en route to goal. As the

Dithering defence

Andrew Dettre



Blacktown 3 SC-Hakoah

Crowd: 1124
Referee: D. Monteverde (Old).
Cautions: Sharpe, Curtis, Byrne (B), O'Connor, Farina, Kosmina (SC).

Scorers: 1-0 Thornthwaite 9 min, 2-0 Sandy 11 min, 3-0 Carroll 31 min, 3-1 Kosmina 55 min, 3-2 Kosmina 61 min.

Blacktown won well and deservedly even if it had to survive a massive second half battering which saw its comfy lead melt down dangerously.

Hakoah started in a strangely cavalier mood, with its defence piling up one mistake after the other.

In the 8th minute the unmarked Adam Sandy's close shot rebounded from the crossbar and Thornthwaite easily placed the ball past jittery Alex McPherson.

Hakoah's hardy half defence to finish abusing their defenders in half a dozen languages when the second blow fell.

In the 11th minute a long, sharp cross from the Blacktown right zoomed into the Hakoah goal mouth; young Rodrigues missed the ball, McPherson watched petrified and Sandy volleyed the ball home, unstopably from 8 metres.

In the 31st minute the match was practically over. A simple low cross arrived from the left,

Man of the match:
DAVID CURTIS
(Blacktown)

Slater and Sandy both dummied, the Hakoah defenders stood square and there was Carroll slamming a low shot home from 10 metres.

When Kosmina headed home a Gomez cross in the 55th minute, things looked up for the visitors and six minutes later the glimmer of hope brightened: Farina's header came back from the crossbar and Kosmina dived at the ball, literally taking it into the net with him.

In the last 25 minutes or so the Blacktown goal was under siege, with Curtis having to punch a dozen threatening crosses and lobbs but the tall Blacktown goalie, despite having had treatments for three earlier injuries, stood his ground well.

Had Grant Lee managed to grab at least one of his two big chances, maybe Hakoah could have even won the game — but that would have smacked of divine injustice for Blacktown whose first half performance was possibly its best for a season or two.

Mason superb



Alex Vesic

Canterbury 0 Marconi 2

Scorers: Lowe 52nd, Brown 83rd.
Ground: Arlington Oval.
Referee: Jim Reeves 7.
Crowd: 2,000 approx.
Cautions: Rizzotto, Mason, Treddnick (M), Thammides, Radman, Kirwan (C).

Marconi's one of the teams to fear in 1986, must sharpen its teeth if it's to offer serious challenge for the title. Its domination against Canterbury at Arlington Oval was total but it failed to produce enough chances to win handsomely.

Marconi always held the upper hand, with Craig Mason pulling the strings in midfield. An early injury to John Anagnostopoulos worsened the situation for Canterbury, and Chris Hummell made an unexpected error to allow Marconi a gift goal.

Ian Gray hit a powerful drive from 28 metres straight at Hummell who failed to hold the ball and David Lowe raced in to score. It was a bitter pill after Hanlots and Hummell had shown class to hold out the Marconi stars.

Man of the match:
CRAIG MASON
(Marconi)

Marconi's second came close to the end after Mason had put Lowe through to cross for Diene who nodded back for Rod Brown to slam a close-range shot past Hummell.

Mason's ball control and distribution were first-rate, and despite the awful condition of Arlington Oval, he showed class with telling passes.

To top his fine performance, Mason almost had a goal to his name with a scorching driver from 30 metres which beat Hummell but hit the post.

Chris Thammides who can win a match single handed, was in a furious temper midway through the second half and faded out of the game mainly due to loss of concentration.

Six yellow cards were shown yet the game could hardly be called rough. And while most cards were given for late tackles I felt Treddnick was a trifle unlucky. Marconi's most overworked midfielder fell in disbelief after being shown the yellow card.

Raskopoulos snatches a point

aged to snatch three draws, that is a remarkable start to the season.

Newcastle 3 Syd Olympic 3

Venue: Adamstown Oval
Scorers: Ingham (N) 15th, 42nd, Johnstone (S.O.) 55th, Brandt (S.O.) 74th, Jones (N) 87th, Raskopoulos (S.O.) 89th.
Referee: Ken Small 7.

Four games without a win would appear on pa-

per a very poor record, but when one considers the calibre of the four teams Newcastle has met so far, Sydney City, Croatia, APIA and Sydney Olympic — and still man-



Man of the match:
JOHN CAVANAH
(Newc-Rosebud)

The thrilling 3-3 draw against Sydney Olympic was a game that was worth going a long way to see, not a game for the purist perhaps, but plenty of no-nonsense action, end-to-end stuff and, above all, plenty of goals.

It looked from the onset that Newcastle coach Peter Irving's tactics of putting his two English imports — John Cavanah and Paul Crabtree — on Mar-

shall Soper and Peter Raskopoulos respectively were correct.

With Olympic's main attacking weapon under control, Newcastle took the initiative and when Sean

Ingham beat Gary Meier with a neat header off a corner by Crabtree, things looked promising for the local side.

Things looked even better three minutes before the interval when Ingham again was on the spot to slot the ball home after Cavanah's low cross from the left was brilliantly dummied by Crabtree to completely deceive the defence.

Manfred Schaefer introduced Simon Brandt in place of Vincente Estavillo at the interval and this move injected some spark into Olympic.

It pulled one back soon after the resumption when Johnstone headed home a Raskopoulos corner from the right and continued to press looking for the equaliser.

The local side drew blood again three minutes before the end when Mark Jones rose high above the defence to head home a perfect cross from Ingham and when it looked like Newcastle was going to collect both points, up bobbed Raskopoulos to restore the status quo.

On reflection a draw was

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Makedonia about to sign Joleski

Makedonia 3 Adelaide City 0

Scores: Lane 59th, Smith 80th, 89th.
Venue: Connor Reserve.
Referee: Robert Marshall (A.C.T.).
Cautions: Heys (PM).

Victorian youth representative George Joleski, considered the best fullback at youth level by VSF coaching director Tim White, will join Preston Makedonia, this week and will in due course increase the competition for spots in the club's backline.

Joleski, who has been insisting on playing non-contract soccer on amateur forms at Fawkner, has decided to sign a contract with Preston and will be happy to battle it out in the club's youth team until he deserves a call-up from coach Bill Murray.

That promotion may be some way off as Makedonia is the only side yet to concede a goal in the National League at the end of the fourth round.

The side hit the top of the table after Sunday's victory but Murray is not getting carried away by the standing at this stage.

"No-one can judge who



Peter Desira

should be on top until the League reaches the halfway stage and the teams have played each other once," said Murray.

"I'll be making sure we keep our feet on the ground and will continue tackling one game at a time."

Murray was happy with the result and especially more so because he feels that Adelaide City will be a difficult team to beat this season.

The win also pleased Makedonia's Legion of supporters but make no mistake this was no classic encounter.

Adelaide City came to Melbourne without Adrian Santrac and Brian Northcote, both still injured, and Charlie Villani, serving an automatic one-match suspension.

The team's injury worries increased after only nine minutes when fullback Alex Tobin had to leave the field with a leg gash which needed 12 stitches.

David Alberton came on as

substitute and the youngster surprised by shrugging off first match nerves to give a really good account of himself against the runs of Ron Campbell down the right flank.

City also was forced to use former Chelsea and Fulham forward Ted Maybank who was granted a four-month working visa by the immigration department midweek.

Maybank showed obvious touches of a professional English First Division player but lacks fitness and could not compete in the hard running and tackling departments.

City played against the wind in the first half and with most of the midfield funneling back to help the defence, held out for a scoreless 45 minutes.

Makedonia found it hard to prise open the crowded backline and its shots came from long range efforts by Gary Cole and Zoran Ilioski (both of whom missed the target) and a George Petrov shot which was comfortably stopped by Willy McNally.

Joe Mullen missed an excellent opportunity to put the visitors ahead failing to connect with a good cross from Alberton two minutes into the second half.

Then came the defensive mistake which broke the deadlock and changed the complexion of the game.

Bugsy Nyskohus, up till then magnificent at the heart of the defence with Neville Flounders, was forced to turn towards his goal under pressure but lobbed his intended back-pass over McNally.

The ball hit the crossbar but Sean Lane, following up, gratefully headed the rebound past the stranded keeper.

Adelaide City enjoyed something of a revival with a long range shot from Sergio Melta which was saved, an Aurelio Vidmar effort which Phil Traianedes also stopped in spite of the ball taking a deflection off a defender, and another long range drive from

Man of the match: SEAN LANE (Makedonia)

Maybank which did not trouble the keeper unduly.

The fightback came to an abrupt end with Makedonia's second goal in the 59th minute.

Campbell collected a pass from Cole and finally broke Alberton's stranglehold to send over a centre from the byline to find an unmarked Steve Smith for a free header into the back of the net.

Lane found Graham Heys with a good pass soon after but the midfielder hit his shot over the bar before Smith completed the scoring a minute from the end.

Lane was again the supplier

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Inter-Monaro is close to signing a major sponsor for the remainder of the 1986 season.

Monaro, having spent big in the off-season, desperately needs sponsorship money. Club directors have been working on the sponsorship deal for weeks.

The club hopes to announce details before this weekend's games.

Meanwhile, striker Derek Todd left Inter-Monaro — after just one game.

Todd transferred from Newcastle-Rosebud and played for Monaro against Sydney

Olympic. Three days later he flew out of Australia for England.

"We knew he was a visa player but genuinely knew nothing of his arrangements to depart," said Monaro's coach, Frank Maccarone.

Monaro has been asked to give an official explanation, as Todd was registered only on the day of his solitary appearance with Monaro which was cruelly depleted by injuries.

"We were duped," said a genuinely unhappy Maccarone.

"All I can add is that we are more than \$600 out of pocket. If Todd returns to Australia the ASF has told us he will face a heavy fine."

Phil Dachs sent off



Peter Windsor

Man of the match: ATTILIO CARBONE (Inter-Monaro)

Inter-Monaro 1 Wollongong 3

Scores: 0-1 Kotamandis pen 55th, 0-2 Giraldi 58th, 0-3 Murray 61st, 1-3 Carbone 70th.
Venue: Seiffert Oval.
Crowd: 729.

Cautions: Dachs (M) 57th min, Cokely and Morlando (W) Hoszowski (IM).
Sent off: Dachs (IM).
Referee: Neil Murray (Canberra) 6.

Three goals in just six minutes tore Inter-Monaro apart and set the seal on a deserved 3-1 victory by Wollongong City.

It was a remarkable turnaround to a game that was deadlocked nil-nil at half-time and had been at best pedestrian.

Neither side produced anything like its true form.

The game was more noteworthy for the vicious off-the-ball incidents than the excitement of the play itself.

One of the incidents saw Wollongong's Jack Morlando handed a yellow card after checking Inter's Billy Wilton and then Monaro's goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski was cautioned after stopping a Wollongong attacker well outside the goalmouth.

Perhaps the best chance of the half came as a Monaro defender hopelessly missed an attempted back-pass which fell short. It was left to Hoszowski to make a brave diving save at the feet of striker David Batten to prevent what would have been a certain goal.

The start of the second half saw a continuation of punishing tackles with Wollongong's Brian Cokely booked after just five minutes.

The turning point came just 10 minutes into the half.

And it was a tragedy for young Monaro defender Joe Gargitt in his first NSL game since returning from a spell with Como in Italy.

He pulled the ball down and allowed it to hit his hands. Although it didn't appear deliberate it was, according to Canberra referee Neil Murray, a genuine handball and he pointed to the spot.

It was young striker Peter Kotamandis's turn to set his team on the path to victory as he found the corner — although Hoszowski picked the direction and even got a finger to the ball.

Further disaster for Monaro was to come before any of the other goals.

Monaro sweeper Phil Dachs hung a leg and upended Robert Giraldi right in front of referee Murray and out

came the red card, leaving Monaro down to 10 men.

That was in the 57th minute. Six seconds later Wollongong was two up.

And Giraldi got the perfect reward after Dachs's foul. Peruvian midfielder Leonal Arcosa took a 20-metre free kick well and found Giraldi's head, with the front-runner flicking the ball downwards and into the net.

Then came the goal of the game.

A short Wollongong corner was squared back to midfielder Willie Murray. From 25 metres he whacked it first time and with Hoszowski caught 10 metres off his line, the powerful shot whistled into the roof of the net.

And that was it. Wollongong replaced Arcosa by veteran Larry Gaffney — and Monaro showed great fighting qualities by coming back.

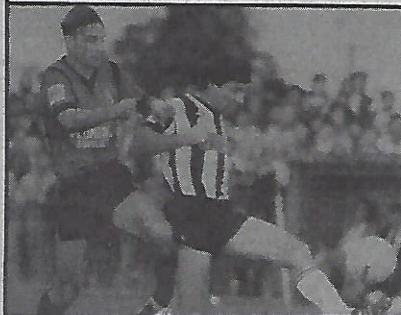
In the 70th minute hard-working midfielder Billy Wilton battled his way down the right flank before getting in a neat cross.

Wilton had kept it low — just low enough for man-of-the-match Attilio Carbone to dive full-length and squeeze his header between players in a packed goalmouth and into the net.

A great goal to cap a fine performance by Carbone who never stopped running!

But in the end Wollongong was too good and deserved the victory. Go monaro into the top half of the table — with Monaro pointless and at the bottom.

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● Sean Lane (left) pressures Bugsy Nyskohus of Adelaide Juventus, just before opening Makedonia's account at Connor Reserve on Sunday. Picture: CARMELO BAZZANO.

Selemidis as sweeper

Man of the match: ALAN HUNTER (Heidelberg)

Geo Cross 1 Heidelberg 1

Scores: Hunter 59th (pen), Richardson 52nd (pen).
Venue: Chaplin Reserve.
Crowd: 2430.
Cautions: Lennon 65th, Richardson 67th, Taylor 73rd.
Referee: Bob Davis 7.

This was the seventh draw in eight matches between these sides, but this time Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey claimed moral victory, saying Heidelberg outplayed George Cross and deserved better than one point.

Garvey was also critical of referees allowing too much rough play. The home team, in his opinion, was far too physical.

Certainly, there were quite a few unnecessary clashes, but this aside, it was an excellent match, full of attacking soccer and only solid defensive work at either end kept the scoreline to a penalty each.

Garvey switched Theo Selemidis to sweeper (where's Andy Higgins?) and the combination of Alan Hunter and Selemidis proved to be a win-



Ken Kontra

● Peter Tsolakis of Heidelberg certainly has his admirers



ner. They were well backed up by Ian McKie and Steve Marley and despite a lot of hard work by Carl Gilder, the George Cross strikers were well contained for most of the match.

It was a similar story at the other end of the park in the first half. Steve Richardson and Shaun Parton controlled the middle, and Tyrone James and Chris Taylor were effective on the flanks. Only Claude Lucchesi managed to break clear but received little support.

Following the 59th minute penalty, Parton lost his cool,

his game deteriorated and the whole of the George Cross defence started to look fragile as a result.

The home team was somewhat lucky to grab the equaliser in extra time against the run of play.

Heidelberg took the lead in the 59th minute when Lucchesi was upended inside the area and Hunter converted.

John Gardner brought on his substitutes, John Markovski and John Campell respectively. "Supersub" Markovski came close with a hard shot with his first touch of the ball, but Oliver saved.

Jeff Oliver, in going for the ball, pushed Noel Mitten in the back. Bob Davis was well positioned and had no hesitation in pointing to the penalty spot.

Mitten's spotkick was parried by Oliver. Jeff Faulkner tucked the rebound away, but the referee had already whistled, penalising the keeper for fouling. Steve Richardson made no mistake when retaking the kick.

The High Commissioner for Malta, Mr Nicholas Bonello, was an interested spectator at the match. Mr Bonello spent some time in Sydney as a migrant, was associated with Melita Eagles in an official capacity, and was also an official referee between 1955 and 1965.

Ad-Hellas a bunch of 'jabbering, nervous wrecks'

Allan Crisp

Adel. Hellas 0 Green Gully 3

Scores: Lewis 25th, 67th, 83rd.
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Referee: Jim Rossi's 8.

Green Gully became the third Victorian club to take two points away from Adelaide Hellas on its not-so-favorite home ground this season.

Paul Lewis notched a fine hat-trick to sink Hellas into abject despair and to send its supporters huddling into clandestine groups — groups which were obviously not discussing the weather.

Gully coach George Murray, unlike those before him Billy Murray of Preston Makedonia and John Gardner of George Cross, did not heap praise on defeated Hellas saying it would be a tough team to beat in a few weeks.

"We put in the effort and we deserved to win," said George Murray.

"We worked hard and got the result due — because we did not come here to defend. If we had we would have lost."

And it was the subject of effort which brought the only comment from Hellas coach Neil McGachey.

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Hellas's flagging morale dipped to an alarming low before Lewis brought up his hat-trick after he accepted a headed pass from Ward.

Apart from Lewis, Gully was brilliantly served by former Scottish professional Scott Fraser, who had 12 first team appearances for Rangers.

Young Fraser, normally a sweeper, was placed in the midfield to plug gaps caused by injuries and he performed superbly.

Gully also had winners in long-haired Ward and Peter Reynolds who combined effectively with Lewis.

Man of the match: PAUL LEWIS (Green Gully)

Long after the game ended the Hellas group continued to discuss their team's consistent failures. However, not many advanced worthwhile cues or useful suggestions.

The worn chestnut — sack the coach — received a considerable airing.

What a pity no one decided to lend positive support to the team and its well-meaning committee.

Constant criticism by the fans has reduced most of the Hellas players to jabbering, nervous wrecks on home match days.

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FULL NAME: Nick Antonopoulos
BIRTH DATE: 12/5/1961
BIRTH PLACE: BRAZIL
NATIONALITY: Australian
OCCUPATION: Draftsman
MARITAL STATUS: Single

WEIGHT: 75kg;
HEIGHT: 178cm
POSITION: Goalkeeper
REP. HONOURS: ACT Juniors U14
SENIOR DEBUT: 1979 Inter Monaro

GREATEST MOMENT: Best and Fairest - Inter Monaro 1980
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Tore Cruciate Ligament - Not playing for four years
MAKE OF CAR: Ford Falcon

FAVORITE DISH: Lobster - seafood
FAVORITE DRINK: Bacardi Coke and beer
FAVORITE MOVIE: Ghostbusters and Beverly Hills Cop
LAST BOOK READ: Tom and Jerry

FAVORITE MUSIC TYPE: Ballads
SPECIAL INTEREST/HOBBIES: Socialising in general and architecture
WORST INJURY: Torn cruciate ligament - left knee
AMBITIONS: Retire at 35 and travel the world



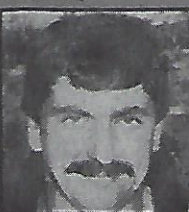
FULL NAME: Stefan Hoszowski
BIRTH DATE: 29/5/1964

BIRTH PLACE: Sydney
NATIONALITY: Australian
OCCUPATION: Teacher
MARITAL STATUS: Single

WEIGHT: 11st.;
HEIGHT: 5' 11"
POSITION: Goalkeeper
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Villawood Diamonds, Southern Districts

MAKE OF CAR: Telstar
FAVORITE DISH: Vegetarian
FAVORITE DRINK: Carrot Juice
FAVORITE MOVIE: SBS Movie

LAST BOOK READ: Principles In Physiology
FAVORITE MUSIC TYPE: Any



FULL NAME: Rick Budini
BIRTH DATE: 3/11/1959
BIRTH PLACE: Stanmore

NATIONALITY: Australian
EYE COLOUR: Brown
HAIR COLOUR: Black
NICK NAME: Buddha
OCCUPATION: Supervisor

MARITAL STATUS: Married
WEIGHT: 13st; **HEIGHT:** 5'11"

CLUB AND POSITION: Inter Monaro, Sweeper
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Marconi, Avala
REP. HONOURS: NSW U/15

SENIOR DEBUT: 1981
GREATEST MOMENT: Winning Rothmans Medal 1984

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: 1985 Start Of Year
MAKE OF CAR: Mazda
FAVORITE DISH: Ravioli
FAVORITE DRINK: Beer



FULL NAME: Sebastian Giampaolo
BIRTH DATE: 5/4/1969
BIRTH PLACE: Canberra

NATIONALITY: Australian
EYE COLOUR: Blue
HAIR COLOUR: Fair
NICK NAME: Baz
OCCUPATION: Public Servant

MARITAL STATUS: Married
WEIGHT: 77kg;
HEIGHT: 180cm

CLUB AND POSITION: Inter Monaro, Forward
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Leichhardt, Canberra City

REP. HONOURS: NSW 1978, 79, 80; Australia 1978, 81

SENIOR DEBUT: 1976
GREATEST MOMENT: Winning Finals with Monaro 1979, Phillips Cup with APLA Leichhardt 1982

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Injuries of any sort

MAKE OF CAR: Holden Monaro GTS, Kawasaki GPZ1100

FAVORITE DISH: Oysters, Prawns, Seafood
FAVORITE DRINK: Drambuie, Beer, Southern Comfort

FAVORITE MOVIE: Deer Hunter
LAST BOOK READ: Modern Motor

FAVORITE MUSIC TYPE: Anything
SPECIAL INTEREST/HOBBIES: Anything
WORST INJURY: Groin, Pelvis
AMBITIONS: To be 16 again



FULL NAME: Frank D'Addario
BIRTH DATE: 27/5/67
BIRTH PLACE: Belgium

NATIONALITY: Australian
EYE COLOUR: Hazel
HAIR COLOUR: Brown
NICK NAME: "D"

OCCUPATION: Student

FULL NAME: Carlo Ambrosino
BIRTH DATE: 5/3/1966
BIRTH PLACE: Hobart

NATIONALITY: Australian
EYE COLOUR: Brown
HAIR COLOUR: Black
NICK NAME: Bimbo
OCCUPATION: Public Servant

MARITAL STATUS: Single
WEIGHT: 73kg;
HEIGHT: 176cm

CLUB AND POSITION: Inter Monaro, Attacking midfielder
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Hobart Juventus, Institute of Sport

REP. HONOURS: U/19 for Tasmania

SENIOR DEBUT: March, 1985
GREATEST MOMENT: Playing for AIS against Real Madrid in a tournament final in Germany

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing that game 3-1

FAVORITE DISH: Lasagne

FAVORITE DRINK: Black Russian
FAVORITE MOVIE: Back to the Future

LAST BOOK READ: Sport - Money, Morality and the Media



FULL NAME: Lupo Djordjeski
BIRTH DATE: 5/10/1965
BIRTH PLACE: Yugoslavia

NATIONALITY: Australian
EYE COLOUR: Blue
HAIR COLOUR: Brown
NICK NAME: Elvis

OCCUPATION: Public Servant
MARITAL STATUS: Single

WEIGHT: 70kg;
HEIGHT: 5'9"

CLUB AND POSITION: Inter Monaro, Midfield
SENIOR DEBUT: 1984

GREATEST MOMENT: Debut in 1984

MARITAL STATUS: Single
WEIGHT: 74kg;
HEIGHT: 5'11"

CLUB AND POSITION: Inter Monaro, Forward
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Canberra Arrows

REP. HONOURS: ACT U/14, U/15, U/16, U/18, U/19

SENIOR DEBUT: 1985
GREATEST MOMENT: Playing my first game in the NSL

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Knee injury during 1985 season, not being picked Australian Schoolboys side.
FAVORITE DISH: Ravioli, steak, prawn cocktail
FAVORITE DRINK: Malibu and ice, Tia Maria and Coke, Fanta

FAVORITE MOVIE: Midnight Express
FAVORITE MUSIC TYPE: Midnight Oil, Cold Chisel, Australian Crawl, U2

FAVORITE DISH: Lasagne
FAVORITE DRINK: Black Russian
FAVORITE MOVIE: Back to the Future

LAST BOOK READ: Sport - Money, Morality and the Media



FULL NAME: Angelo Titilas
BIRTH DATE: 27/3/1960
BIRTH PLACE: Salonika

NATIONALITY: Greek
EYE COLOUR: Brown
HAIR COLOUR: Brown
OCCUPATION: Carpenter

MARITAL STATUS: Single
WEIGHT: 70kg;
HEIGHT: 5'9"

CLUB AND POSITION: Inter Monaro, Midfield
SENIOR DEBUT: 1984

GREATEST MOMENT: Debut in 1984

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MACCARONE: WE CAN GET INTO THE FIVE

"We'll still get into the top five. I've got a lot of confidence in my players and once we've got our full squad available again, we'll start moving up the league ladder."

So says Inter Monaro coach Frank Maccarone.

He's not just putting on a brave face in light of the dreadful spate of injuries which has hit the squad early in the season. Maccarone really believes that his boys will win a top five berth.

"The players who are injured are very important to Inter Monaro and I admit that without them, the other players have been down on morale but once everyone's available you'll see a marked improvement in our team spirit," said Maccarone.

Clearly, Seb Giampaolo still is one of the most exciting strikers in the National League. He's one of the five injured players that made Monaro's start to the season undistinguished.

Giampaolo is recovering from a hamstring injury and should

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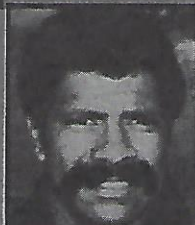
Meet the Players

MARITAL STATUS: Married
WEIGHT: 75kg;
HEIGHT: 176cm
CLUB AND POSITION: Inter Monaro, Stopper
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Apollo, Salonika, Interbury
SENIOR DEBUT: 1978
GREATEST MOMENT: Laying against Anathalikes
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: The first 2 games in 1983
MAKE OF CAR: Mazda
FAVORITE DISH: Astisio
FAVORITE DRINK: Water
FAVORITE MOVIE: L.A. Confidential
FAVORITE MUSIC TYPE: Bob Marley
SPECIAL INTEREST/HOBBIES: Fishing
AMBITIONS: Win NSL with Inter Monaro

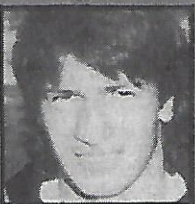
BIRTH PLACE: ACT
NATIONALITY: Australian
EYE COLOUR: Brown
HAIR COLOUR: Dark
NICK NAME: Falco
OCCUPATION: Public Servant
MARITAL STATUS: Single
WEIGHT: 85kg;
HEIGHT: 183cm
CLUB AND POSITION: Monaro, Forward
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Canberra City
REP. HONOURS: ACT U16, 17, 19
SENIOR DEBUT: 1984
GREATEST MOMENT: Scoring on Debut
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not playing so many games last year
MAKE OF CAR: Commodore
FAVORITE DISH: Spaghetti
FAVORITE DRINK: Orange drink
FAVORITE MOVIE: Rocky
LAST BOOK READ: Life Story of George Best

FULL NAME: Attilio Carbone
BIRTH DATE: 8/12/61
BIRTH PLACE: Bankstown
NATIONALITY: Australian
EYE COLOUR: Brown
HAIR COLOUR: Black
NICK NAME: Tilly
MARITAL STATUS: Single
WEIGHT: 70kg;
HEIGHT: 174cm
CLUB AND POSITION: Inter Monaro, Midfielder
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Melita Eagles, Marconi
REP. HONOURS: Australian youth team, 1981
SENIOR DEBUT: August 1981 for Marconi
GREATEST MOMENT: Scoring winning goal v Marconi, 1985
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Broken ankle in 1982
MAKE OF CAR: Holden Camira SLi
FAVORITE DISH: Any pasta dish
FAVORITE DRINK: Carrot juice
FAVORITE MOVIE: Midnight Express
LAST BOOK READ: The Natural Athlete

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing Grand final, 1984
MAKE OF CAR: Nissan
FAVORITE DISH: Curry
FAVORITE DRINK: Lager
FAVORITE MOVIE: Beverly Hills Cop
FAVORITE MUSIC TYPE: Jazz



FULL NAME: Michael Tullawa
BIRTH DATE: 15/3/1956
BIRTH PLACE: Lautoka, Fiji
NATIONALITY: Fijian
EYE COLOUR: Brown
HAIR COLOUR: Black
NICK NAME: Micky or Black Power
OCCUPATION: Painter
MARITAL STATUS: Married
WEIGHT: 114stb;
HEIGHT: 5'7 1/2"
CLUB AND POSITION: Inter Monaro, Right back
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Juventus Canberra
REP. HONOURS: Fiji National Team, ACT representative
SENIOR DEBUT: 1973
GREATEST MOMENT: Fiji beating Australia 1-0 in 1977
MAKE OF CAR: Holden Commodore
FAVORITE DISH: Fish in coconut milk
FAVORITE DRINK: Orange juice
FAVORITE MOVIE: Police Academy
LAST BOOK READ: Holy Bible
FAVORITE MUSIC TYPE: Reggae



FULL NAME: Angelo Ambrosino
BIRTH DATE: 1/1/1962
BIRTH PLACE: Naples, Italy
NATIONALITY: Italian
EYE COLOUR: Brown
HAIR COLOUR: Black
NICK NAME: Nose, Cicci
OCCUPATION: Salesman
MARITAL STATUS: Single
WEIGHT: 12st;
HEIGHT: 6ft
CLUB AND POSITION: Inter Monaro, Midfielder
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Canberra Arrows, Institute of Sport
REP. HONOURS: Tasmanian State Teams - U12 to senior sides
SENIOR DEBUT: February 1982

GREATEST MOMENT: My debut with Canberra Arrows
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Missing half of 1985 season with transfer trouble
MAKE OF CAR: Fiat
FAVORITE DISH: Lasagna or Italian dishes
FAVORITE DRINK: Baccardi and Coke and XXXX
FAVORITE MOVIE: Commando
LAST BOOK READ: Can't read
FAVORITE MUSIC TYPE: All types
SPECIAL INTEREST/HOBBIES: Collect stamps
WORST INJURY: Hit on the head playing cricket
AMBITIONS: To help Monaro win honors in 1986

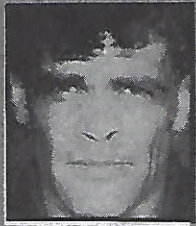


FULL NAME: Ian Wotherspoon
BIRTH DATE: 13/11/1960
BIRTH PLACE: Glasgow, Scotland
NATIONALITY: Scottish
EYE COLOUR: Hazel
HAIR COLOUR: Brown
NICK NAME: Spenny
OCCUPATION: Motor Mechanic
MARITAL STATUS: Single
WEIGHT: 18st;
HEIGHT: 5'7 1/2"
CLUB AND POSITION: Inter Monaro, Midfielder
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Baillieston (Scotland), Penrith City
SENIOR DEBUT: February 1986
GREATEST MOMENT: Winning Scottish Junior Cup with Baillieston (1986)
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing
MAKE OF CAR: Gemini
FAVORITE DISH: Corries
FAVORITE DRINK: Beer
FAVORITE MOVIE: Flying High
LAST BOOK READ: Shoot

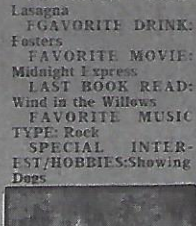


FULL NAME: Philip Dachs
BIRTH DATE: 2/5/1963
BIRTH PLACE: Woolwich, England
NATIONALITY: Australian
EYE COLOUR: Brown
HAIR COLOUR: Brown
NICK NAME: Dachs
OCCUPATION: Public Servant

MARITAL STATUS: Single
WEIGHT: 13st;
HEIGHT: 188cm
CLUB AND POSITION: Inter Monaro, Defender
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Canberra City youth, Western Creek
REP. HONOURS: ACT U12, 13, 14, 15, 18
SENIOR DEBUT: 1982
Prime Minister's Cup with Canberra City
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Getting injured against Sydney Olympic in 1985
MAKE OF CAR: Nissan Pulsar
FAVORITE DISH: Gnocchi
FAVORITE DRINK: Jim Beam and Coke
FAVORITE MOVIE: Dirty Harry
LAST BOOK READ: The Ninja



FULL NAME: Harry Philip Williams
BIRTH DATE: 7/5/1951
BIRTH PLACE: Sydney
NATIONALITY: Australian
EYE COLOUR: Brown
HAIR COLOUR: Black
NICK NAME: "H"
OCCUPATION: Public Servant
MARITAL STATUS: Married
WEIGHT: 70kg;
HEIGHT: 173cm
CLUB AND POSITION: Inter Monaro - Defender
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Canberra City, St George
REP. HONOURS: U/21, NSW, Australia
SENIOR DEBUT: 1970
GREATEST MOMENT: Joining Inter Monaro
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Playing for Canberra City
MAKE OF CAR: Ford Fairmont
FAVORITE DISH: Lasagna
FAVORITE DRINK: Fosters
FAVORITE MOVIE: Midnight Express
LAST BOOK READ: Wind in the Willows
FAVORITE MUSIC TYPE: Rock
SPECIAL INTEREST/HOBBIES: Showing Dogs



FULL NAME: Stephen Winn
BIRTH DATE: 16/9/1959
BIRTH PLACE: Stockton-on-Tees
NATIONALITY: English
EYE COLOUR: Blue
HAIR COLOUR: Light Brown
OCCUPATION: Concretor
MARITAL STATUS: Married
WEIGHT: 80kg;
HEIGHT: 5'10"
CLUB AND POSITION: Inter Monaro, Striker
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Rotherham, Torquay Utd in England, Marconi, Heidelberg
SENIOR DEBUT: May, 1983
GREATEST MOMENT: Third Division Champions in England with Rotherham
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing Final 4-2 in 1984 against South Melbourne
FAVORITE DISH: Chinese

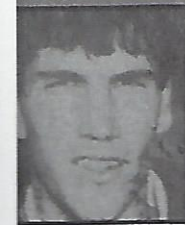
OCCUPATION: Printing Engineer
MARITAL STATUS: Married
WEIGHT: 72kg;
HEIGHT: 5'11"
CLUB AND POSITION: Inter Monaro, Anywhere
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Canberra Arrows
SENIOR DEBUT: 1983
GREATEST MOMENT: Playing in Griffith, Skulling schooners
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing the boat race



FULL NAME: Velice Trajanoski
BIRTH DATE: 9/4/1960
BIRTH PLACE: Yugoslavia
NATIONALITY: Australian
EYE COLOUR: Brown
HAIR COLOUR: Dark Brown
MARITAL STATUS: Married
WEIGHT: 75kg;
HEIGHT: 179cm
CLUB AND POSITION: Inter Monaro, Forward
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Pelister (Yugoslavia), Inter Monaro
SENIOR DEBUT: 1979
GREATEST MOMENT: Winning 1979 State championship
FAVORITE DISH: Macedonian Cebapcina
FAVORITE DRINK: Soft Drink



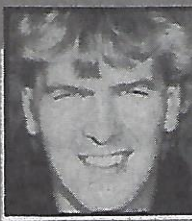
FULL NAME: John Walsh
BIRTH DATE: 11/4/1961
BIRTH PLACE: Preston, England
NATIONALITY: British
EYE COLOUR: Brown
HAIR COLOUR: Brown
NICK NAME: Walshy



FULL NAME: Marko Brimovic
BIRTH DATE: 15/9/64

Games for '86

AWAY
v Marconi
v Canterbury
5: v Newcastle
v Sydney Olympic
10: v Wollongong
10: v Blacktown
24: v Sydney Hakoah
31: v St. George
Number 14: v Sydney Croatia



FULL NAME: William White
BIRTH DATE: 4/3/1966
BIRTH PLACE: Scotland
NATIONALITY: British
EYE COLOUR: Blue
HAIR COLOUR: Fair
OCCUPATION: Salesman
MARITAL STATUS: Married
WEIGHT: 12st;
HEIGHT: 5'8"
CLUB AND POSITION: Inter Monaro, Midfielder
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Leichhardt
SENIOR DEBUT: 1988
GREATEST MOMENT: Playing against Glasgow Celtic's youths

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Che 'Festa' per la Juve!

La Juventus di Melbourne e' tornata dalla trasferta contro il Brisbane City con due punti in classifica e cinque reti all'attivo. Il risultato, oltre a far esultare i tifosi bianconeri che hanno appreso la notizia mentre partecipavano alla "Festa" in Brunswick, dice molto poco ai fini del vero valore della formazione campione d'Australia.

L'avversario di turno non era poi tanto formidabile e l'incidente che lo ha privato del suo portiere dopo 12 minuti di gioco ha ovviamente facilitato il compito di Zini e compagni che hanno insaccato quattro delle reti mentre la porta avversaria era custodita dal terzino Bromfield.

Una indicazione positiva e' comunque il fatto che tre delle reti siano state messe a segno da centrocampisti, a dimostrazione che la manovra offensiva e' tornata ad essere un affare corale.

Altro punto positivo e' che Zini ha nuovamente messo a segno una doppietta (l'altra l'aveva realizzata contro il Croatia) a prova della sua validita' come punta di diamante dell'attacco bianconero. Purtroppo pero' il solitamente correttissimo ragazzo si e' fatto prendere dalla provocazione ed ha finito per venire alle mani con Fabrizio Beccandoli l'espulsione e la suseguente giornata di squalifica.

Con i due punti conquistati cosi' facilmente i campioni d'Australia hanno consolidato la loro posizione nel drappello delle prime, a quota cinque, roccchiando cosi' un punto al George Cross che si e' dovuto accontentare di un pargello casalingo contro l'Heidelberg.

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Ache a quota cinque si trova l'ex capolista Adelaide City Juventus che ha perso male contro il Preston (nuova capolista) poiche' mancava di tre dei suoi uomini migliori (Northcote e Santrac infortunati e Villani squalificato) ed ha perso anche il terzino Tobin per infortunio dopo pochi minuti di gioco.

Purtroppo l'infortunio di Northcote e' molto grave ed il giocatore potrebbe rimanere inattivo per il resto della stagione. Santrac invece potrebbe rientrare fra un paio di settimane. Intanto e' arrivato un rinforzo di una certa sostanza nell'ex giocatore del Chelsea, Teddy Maybank, un centrocampista d'attacco.

Percio' la sconfitta di domenica scorsa potrebbe essere solo una temporanea battuta d'arresto per gli uomini di Matic che per il prossimo impegno di campionato (4 maggio, contro il S.M. Hellas) potrebbero ripresentarsi in formazione tipo, con Maybank al posto di Northcote.

Nel girone settentrionale, la sorprendente APIA ha dovuto abbandonare il primo posto in classifica dopo aver perso di misura contro il Croatia, con la prima sconfitta stagionale la squadra di Rasic si e' addirittura trovata fuori dalle prime cinque (tutte a quota 6) fra le quali figura pero' il Marconi che si e' sbarazzato abbastanza facilmente del mediocre Canterbury.

Purtroppo nemmeno la quarta giornata ha portato un po' di serenita' in casa dell'Inter Monaro che ha perso per 1-3 contro il lanciato Wollongong.

Tutto sommato le squadre italiane vanno al turno di ri-

posso (per disputare la Coppa Nanda) con quattro formazioni nelle primissime posizioni delle classifiche di girone (Juventus di Melbourne, Juventus di Adelaide, Marconi e APIA), una squadra che stenta ormai da anni (Brisbane City) ed un fasellone di coda che praticamente non ha alcuna possibilita' di entrare fra le 14 elette che formeranno il girone unico della lega nazionale il prossimo anno (Inter Monaro).

Con la ripresa del campionato (domenica 4 maggio) la Juventus di Melbourne dovrebbe ulteriormente migliorare la sua posizione in classifica contro il West Adelaide hellas (la grande delusione di questo primo scorcio di campionato) e potrebbe addirittura saltare al comando poiche' Footscray e George Cross potrebbero finire con il dividersi la posta, mentre il Preston potrebbe non andare piu' in la' di un pargello sul campo del redivivo Green Gully.

La Juventus di Adelaide potrebbe rendere molto amara per Margaritis la trasferta dell'Hellas, ancora alla ricerca di una formazione definitiva dopo la perdita di Crino e di yzendoorn e la rinuncia a Brown. Domenica scorsa Margaritis ha compiuto un'altra delle imprese che lo hanno reso famoso spostando in attacco il difensore Davidson che per l'occasione ha messo a segno le due reti della vittoria contro il modesto Brisbane Lions; e' ancora da vedere pero' quanto possa rendere un Davidson punta contro avversari di maggior calibro.

Il Brisbane City sara' a Melbourne per affrontare l'Heidel-

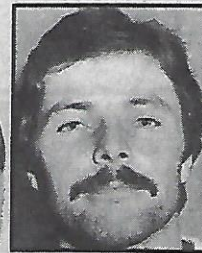
berg e l'assenza del portiere Wishart e di Fabrizio probabilmente rendera' impossibile un compito gia' difficile.

Altra giornata nera per l'Inter Monaro che andra' a far visita al Marconi per collezionare sicuramente la sua quinta sconfitta consecutiva; non dei piu' facili il compito dell'APIA che dovra' vedersela con un Sydney City sempre temibile anche se recentemente ha accusato un certo logorio.

Nelle divisioni statali del Victoria le squadre italiane hanno fatto registrare ottimi risultati un po' ovunque. Fawcner e Thomastown hanno vinto con molta disinvoltura contro modeste avversarie (Melbourne e Northcote rispettivamente) e si sono portate a solo due punti dalle capoliste Croyd e Frankston Pines, entrambe sconfitte.

Anzi la sconfitta del Frankston porta la firma dell'altra italiana, il Morwell Falcons che ha cosi' conseguito la sua prima vittoria stagionale con un netto 3-0 che dovrebbe essere di buon auspicio per il futuro.

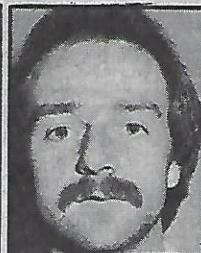
Nella seconda divisione Veneto Bullen e Essendon City Triestina continuano a vincere e a convincere e si trovano saldamente al primo e secondo posto in classifica. Anche se e' troppo presto per azzardare un pronostico finale, le indicazioni del momento fanno prevedere con una certa sicurezza un duello "in casa" per lo scudetto e la probabile promozione di tutte e due le squadre a fine anno.



● Gerry Bennett



● Mark Turudia



● Jim Williams

Falcons want Turudia and Bennett

Morwell Falcons could have Mark Turudia from Footscray JUST in goal and Gerry Bennett from George Cross in midfield when they tackle Box Hill at Wembley Park on Sunday.

Morwell coach Dave O'Connor is determined to sign Turudia, the ex-Hellas goalie, after Morwell's number one keeper Romeo Prezioso fractured his collarbone last week.

O'Connor also wants to bolster his midfield. He contacted George Cross this week in a bid to sign Bennett. He also has been in touch with Green Gully concerning transfer listed midfielder Jim Williams but it seems that Williams isn't that keen on joining the Latrobe Valley outfit.

Box Hill's problems up front continue. The Hillmen are creating enough chances but aren't putting them away. Their main striker, Phil Griffin, isn't fully recovered from injury and lacks the sharpness he showed in the Buffalo Gold Cup.

If Falcons sign Turudia and Bennett, they'll have a formidable combination and I'm tipping them to upset the home team on Sunday. Falcons defender Harry Bingham still is doubtful with a lingering calf injury.

Chris Taylor and Don Lawler were on the bench as Box Hill went down 2-0 to Polonia last weekend and they'll be pushing for inclusion in the starting line-up this week. Pedro Ramos, who injured a thigh against Ringwood Wilhelmina recently, still is sidelined. He's got fluid and bruising on a knee now.

St Albans Dinamo still is waiting for a visa for attacking midfielder Ivan Duzel but with Dennis Morovic in fine form can expect to make Croyd fight every inch of the way when they meet in Friday's big Anzac Day clash at Churchill Reserve at 3.30pm.

My money's still is on Croyd.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

don't though, despite last weekend's loss to Springvale City. The bad news for Difama is that it will lose three players in June. Morovic, Ned Batnicovic and Darko Kolaric all head off overseas, Morovic to Europe, Batnicovic to Canada and Kolaric, for job reasons, to Germany.

Jim MacLean is suspended so Kenny Taylor is expected to come into Croyd's starting line-up.

"Go and get stuffed!" That was the greeting I received from Springvale coach Bobby McLachlan last Sunday night when I phoned to find out about his team's big 2-1 win against Croyd.

He wasn't serious though (I think). McLachlan was reacting to last week's preview in "Soccer Action" and letting me know that perhaps my tipping days are over.

His mood changed when I told him that I'd be tipping a Springvale victory over Caulfield at Ross Reserve on Sunday and he pleaded with me to pick Caulfield. No way, Bobby.

The Vales will have Gary Hobson back from concussion but Gordon "Bulldog" Bentley is out suspended. Hobson will return to his left back spot with Martin Vogel going back to right back, the spot in which Bentley played against Croyd.

New Ringwood Wilhelmina coach Bill Curran isn't likely to get any joy from Sunday's Jubilee Park clash with Fawcner.

Fawcner still is trying to sign Davie Nixon from Northern Irish club Crusaders but if Nixon isn't here within a fortnight, Fawcner will drop the deal. Nixon has a clause in his contract with Crusaders releasing him to come to Australia whenever he wishes. Crusaders want Fawcner to agree to release Nixon to them should he return to Northern Ireland and Fawcner coach Peter Boyle gave Crusaders that undertaking via telegram last week.

Joe Palankas still is battling to overcome a groin injury and

looks like being sidelined for another two or three weeks but with Bruno Cozzella in top form, Fawcner looks too strong for Wilhelmina.

Frankston Pines should have John Cullen back from injury and Richie Armstrong is pushing hard for inclusion in the side that meets Northcote at Monterey Reserve on Saturday. Despite last week's surprising 3-0 loss to Falcons, Pines look far too strong for Northcote.

Robert Morrey should be here by May 8 while Tony Adamson still hasn't been granted a visa. That's the latest from Melbourne which runs into Kaz Kulak's Polonia at J.T. Gray Reserve on Saturday.

The word from the Polonia camp is that Janusz Przybyla is recapturing his touch. If that's the case, then Melbourne is in for a tough time here. However, the dreadful J.T. Gray Reserve surface can be a great leveller. I'm going for a draw.

"That's the worst performance from a Western Suburbs side I've seen for a long time," said coach Jim Konicilis after watching his charges go down 2-0 to St Albans Dinamo last weekend.

A repeat performance almost certainly will spell doom against Thomastown at Partridge Reserve on Sunday but I'm optimistic about Suburbs bouncing back here. The Thomastown player who is given the task of marking Bobby McGuinness has my best wishes. He'll need all the help he can get.

Here are this weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

FRIDAY
St Albans Dinamo v CROYDON at Churchill Reserve, 3.30pm.

SATURDAY
FRANKSTON PINES v Northcote at Monterey Reserve, 3pm.
Melbourne v Polonia (draw) at J.T. Gray Reserve, 3pm.

SUNDAY
SPRINGVALE CITY v Caulfield at Ross Reserve, 3pm.
Thomastown v WESTERN SUBURBS at Partridge Reserve, 3pm.
Ringwood Wilhelmina v FAWCNER at Jubilee Park, 3pm.
Box Hill v MORWELL FALCONS at Wembley Park, 3pm.

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● Caulfield striker Pope Abraam (left) and Ringwood Wilhelmina defender Bob



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Cassar faces fine; Curran takes over; Bannon unhappy

Kees Storm re-signed after Caulfield thrashed Ringwood
Wilhelmina 5-1 last weekend,

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Morwell will decide this week whether or not to fine young

striker Anthony Cassar, Springvale masseur Hugh McCann played a big part in his team's 2-1 win over 1985 league champion Croydon while referee Bernie Upjohn allowed Fawknor to kick off in both the first and second half of its 4-1 win over Melbourne Hungaria.

Storm quit on Saturday night. The official word from the club is that he has decided to concentrate on his role as a player. The new coach is Bill Curran who took over last season from Car Teeuw on a caretaker basis.

Morwell coach Dave O'Connor was incensed when he found out last week that Anthony and Effie Cassar and David Wilson were playing in the Latrobe Valley Indoor Soccer League. He demanded that they stop doing so immediately but only Effie Cassar and Wilson obliged. As a result, Anthony Cassar was dropped from the side which recorded its first win of the season by downing Frankston Pines 3-0 on Saturday.

"I want to make a special mention of the part Hugh McCann played in this result," said an ecstatic Springvale city coach Bobby McLachlan after watching his team defy the odds to beat Croydon 2-1 at Croydon Park on Sunday.

"We wouldn't have been able to put a team out on the park if it wasn't for Hugh," Kevin Adams, Russell Athersch, Ged Bannon, Jim Nelson and Billy Whiteside all were in doubt before the game. McCann worked overtime to get them onto the park but they looked bleak on the Friday night when McLachlan only had seven fit first teamers with which to hold a special session on free kicks and corners.

Melbourne player-coach Paddy Bannon wasn't happy with referee Upjohn after Fawknor kicked off in both halves of their Smith Reserve clash on Sunday. Melbourne secretary Steve Hargitay said was annoyed with two of the Fawknor goals. He claimed that a Fawknor player was offside for one of them and that Bruno Cozzella had handled for Fawknor's opening goal.

Gerry Marsden
Gerry Marsden of Gerry and the Pacemakers kicked off the clash between Croydon and Springvale when he watched a tremendous battle in which Croydon midfielder Jim MacLean and Springvale right back Gordon Bentley were sent off in separate incidents and Springvale substitute Joe D'Amico scored the winning goal.

The Vales were superb early. They hit the front with a typically opportunist goal from striker Greg House in the 9th minute. Martin Wild, on the left, played the ball toward the near post and House took it first time in between Peter Blashy and the near post. MacLean and Eddie Bell clashed in the 15th minute and MacLean was sent off but that heralded a Croydon revival as its 10 men took over the game and deservedly levelled with a cracking headed goal from Graham French after Mark Brown sent over a superb far post cross in the 30th minute.

Croydon showed what championship teams are made of," said McLachlan. "Its players threw themselves into tackles and got forward at every opportunity."

But the Vales had the final say. In the 75th minute Jim Nelson, wide on the left, fired in a shot. Blashy got both hands to the ball but spilled it and



State League newcomers Caulfield. Back row: Panikos Ttofari, Theo Vagias, Terry Hawke, Angie Koutos, Con Alexandropoulos, Jim Sahinidis, Angie Filippou, John Bitsonis. Front: Mike Hamakiotis, Tiger Amanatis, Danny Zemanik, Andrew Theocharous, Pepe Abram, Peter Tsitsiridis, Demos Koullacas. Missing: John Topalidis. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

substitute D'Amico beat House in the race to the ball, slamming it into the roof of the net for the winner.

Five minutes later, Bentley was sent off but the Vales held on for an important victory.

Where's Paul?

Frankston Pines coach Danny McMinnee thought that Pines defender Peter Thurlow was picking up Paul Hennessy and driving him to Morwell on Saturday and Thurlow thought that McMinnee was...

You guessed it. Hennessy was left in Melbourne.

And Pines blotted their record by going down 3-0 to Falcons.

In the 20th minute, Dennis Boland and Rob Nelson conspired to present big Jack van Baar with a gift goal. Graham Tutill had played a long ball over the top of the Pines defence with van Baar in pursuit of Nelson, who looked to have it covered. Boland charged out of goal and hammered the ball into Nelson, enabling van Baar to latch onto it and strike it into the unguarded goal.

The ensuing dialogue between Nelson and Boland unfortunately can't grace this journal.

Thurlow was giving Effie Cassar far too much room and Pines paid the penalty in the 46th minute when Peter Verechia sent over a fine far post ball. Cassar controlled it then struck it into the bottom far corner to make it 2-0.

Another Verechia cross set up Morwell's third goal in the 75th minute. Jack van Baar touched the ball back with his head and Slirion, as cool as you like, chipped Boland superbly.

Poor Brian

Spare a thought for young Wilhelmina goalie Robert Brian. Okay, he had five goals put past him by Caulfield on Saturday, but his cause wasn't helped by the number of Wilhelmina players who simply threw in the towel.

And that's one of Wilhelmina's main problems. The side isn't overendowed with character.

Peter Tsitsiridis opened Caulfield's account in the 30th minute with a shot that took a slight deflection off Pepe Abram's legs. In the 55th minute, Tiger Amanatis sent a superb ball down the right to

substitute Vagias whose low cross presented Abram with a simple tap in.

Jim Green available

Jim Green, who has seen service with Makodonia, Albion Rovers, Morwell Falcons and Melbourne Hungaria is looking for a club where he can play in goal as well as coach the other goalkeepers.

Green was Kew Park Rangers' senior goalkeeper last season, and now is with the Moreland Park Rangers combine.

He can be contacted on (03) 467 4529 (in home) or (03) 480 1122 (work).

Wilhelmina substitute John Nijhuis was fouled in the 70th minute and Kees Storm converted the resultant penalty but the game was put out of Wilhelmina's reach three minutes later when Jim Sahinidis got free at the far post and headed home to make it 3-1.

A great chip by Sahinidis in the 90th minute made it 4-1 and a Tofari shot in the 94th minute completed the rout.

Import delayed

Polish authorities have clamped down on releasing players to play overseas as Poland prepared for the World Cup finals but Polonia remains confident of bringing striker Jan Wyszyski to Australia next month.

Morovic strikes

St Albans Dinamo shocked

Polonia is quite happy with the progress of its team under coach Kaz Kulak and assistant coach Kaz Kowalec and why not? The side picked up the scalp of Box Hill last Sunday with a 2-0 win at Raleigh Reserve.

Janusz Pryzbyla opened Polonia's account in the 60th minute with a first time volley into the far corner and John Kadlicek, whose mobility and determination give Polonia more bite up front, sealed the issue when he latched onto Craig Davidson's back pass in the 88th minute and slotted the ball past the advancing John McKinlay.

Western Suburbs with a 2-0 win at Ralph Reserve on Sunday and Dennis Morovic showed that he's recaptured his scoring touch by nabbing both goals.

Morovic was in tremendous form and opened Dinamo's account in the 32nd minute when Danny Dezic's through ball split a square Suburbs defence. Morovic neatly slotted the ball past advancing Milutin Ciric.

A long ball from Dinamo sweeper Robert Krajacic started the move which led to the second goal in the 65th minute. Ned Batiniovic, on the right, sent the ball across the goalmouth and Morovic made it 2-0 with a first time shot at the far post.

Super sub Papas, Magnano strikes!

One match at Richmond, Sydney.

RICHMOND: Turunda, Robertson, Werner, Gooch, Deluca, Ferrer, Papanicolaou (Johnson), Christogeorgis (Tattos 65th), C. Goulas, N. Goulas.

WESTERNE: Meletis, Italia, Anthias, Masic, Petrica, Scarlett, McNally, Paola, Ellis, Magnano (Lugars 75th), Calderwood.

Richmond started in whirlwind fashion, scoring in the 2nd minute. Nick Goulas won the ball about 30 metres from goal, went past a Werribee defender then hammered his shot past Angelo Meletis.

Richmond could have increased its score in the open-

ing 30 minutes but Werribee defended desperately.

Werribee then hit back in what was the most important five minute period of the match. Seb Magnano headed home at the far post following a free kick in the 40th minute and right on half time he broke onto a long through ball, withstood the pressure from a Richmond defender and calmly lobbed the ball over Turunda.

The second half was a desperate struggle with neither side getting on top. Once Spiros Tattos came on, Richmond created chances but Werribee held on.

Selections

VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday: OAKLEIGH v Richmond, SUNBURY UNITED v Mornington, ALTONA Gate v Nunawading City (draw), Sunday: MORADLOU v Doveton, Werribee v DUNSTON RANGERS, Albion Rovers v Knox City (draw), BROADMEADOWS v North Dandenong.

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: Moreland Park Rangers v KILGORE, North Geelong v Waverley City (draw), RINGWOOD UNITED v Royal Richmond, SANDRINGHAM v Eltham, Prahran City v Bulleen (draw), ALTONA City v Hamlyn Rangers (draw), Dandenong City v ESSENDON CITY.

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: ROSANNA, Prahran, SPRINGVALE UNITED v Corio, YARRAVILLE v Geelong, YALLOURN v Coburg, Bel Park v Port Melbourne (draw), MOORDOOLBARK v Moorabbin City, Clifton Hill v VERNETREE GULLY.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: KETSBOUGH v Heidelberg RANGERS, LAJOL UNITED v East Brunswick, Boronia v Kariang United, WEST BRUNSWICK v Clarendon, Langarav v HAWTHORN, HOLLAND PARK v Brighton, BALLARAT v Borden.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday: Pascoe Vale v Williamswood (draw), SAFFORD UNITED v Malvern City, WATNORTH v Central City, GEELONG UNITED v East Geelong, EAST PRESTON v Ivanhoe City, Ardor v GREENSBOROUGH, CLAYTON v Berwick City.

DIVISION TWO

Sunday: RMIT v Collingwood, Reserve Eagles v MAZENDOL COLLEGE, Camberwell Grammar v INTERCITY, KEILOR UNITED v Anstey

DIVISION THREE

Sunday: EAST ALTONA v Park More, WEST MEADOWS v Port United (draw), MEADOW PARK v ALTONA UNITED, SOUTH SPRINGVALE v Batman United, RICHMOND UNITED v Glenroy, ASCOT VALE CITY v Fitzroy City, MITCHAM v Burwood United.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: Northern United v Waverley United, DEBNEY PARK v Kensington United, RINGWOOD RANGERS v La Trobe Rovers v Mulgrave, ASCOT VALE CITY v Fitzroy City, MITCHAM v Burwood United.

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5 — French (Croydon), I. Theodossopoulos, Barbas (Melbourne), Storm (Wilhelmina), Adams (Springvale), Di Martino (Thomastown)

4 — MacLean (Croydon), Buys (Morwell), Toro (Northcote), Krajacic, Morovic (Dinamo), Coyle (Thomastown)

LEADING SCORERS

5 — MacLean (Croydon, Morovic (Dinamo)
4 — Zemanik (Caulfield), French (Croydon), Cozzella (Fawknor)
3 — Sahinidis (Caulfield), Humble (Croydon)



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BAYSWATER: N. van Egmond 8, R. Diaz 6, R. Akdeniz 6, H. McKinley 8, H. Castillo 9, J. Sciberras 7, M. Paganini 6, M. Kowalski 7

GEELONG: L. Inturisi 8, S. Radojovic 7, R. Noggler 8, M. Svallek 7, E. Radojovic 8

Bayswater, after defeating competition State League title favourite Latrobe Valley 4-2 the previous week, began well when captain Harry McKinley won the toss.

The game started at a very fiery pace with both sides creating scoring chances. As the half wore on Bayswater settled down and played some excellent soccer with Herber Castillo being denied a goal by Geelong keeper Lucky Inturisi.

However, Geelong managed to settle down and the game became very evenly balanced with both teams

Man of the match:
HERBER CASTILLO
(Bayswater)

defending and attacking with great authority.

Geelong, through persistent attacking, was rewarded with a corner after a brilliant save from Nick van Egmond in the Bayswater goal, but the corner was volleyed wide by Eddie Radojovic.

The game got faster with play being switched from end to end but neither team could find the net.

Bayswater had a couple of good counter-attacks through Herber Castillo and Harry McKinley but the Geelong keeper stood his ground and kept his team in the match.

CASSARS KO KNOX

At the start of the second half, both teams came out firing and immediately Lucky Inturisi had his work cut out from a blistering shot from Joe Sciberras. Geelong once again built up an attack, but good defence by Bayswater found Herber Castillo who in turn found Joe Sciberras and he made it 1-0 to Bayswater.

Geelong restarted the game and hit Bayswater hard but the eventual shot by Robert Noggler didn't cause problems for van Egmond.

After good defensive work by Bayswater, Geelong was awarded a throw-in which was brilliantly converted by Radojovic and scores were level.

Again, both teams attacked vigorously so both keepers were kept on their

toes with first Bayswater striking the side netting then Geelong hitting the woodwork.

After a spell of good attacking work by Geelong, Bayswater had a counter attack and got its second goal through Mark Kowalski.

Almost immediately Geelong made a fatal defensive error which allowed Mario Pagonito to

lay a beautiful ball to Castillo and set up Bayswater's third goal.

Despite the situation, Geelong never gave in and came at Bayswater but again van Egmond was unbeatable.

Bayswater attacked the Geelong goal and the fantastic skills of McKinley and Castillo enabled Bayswater to get its fourth goal.

**Valley Tigers 21
Knox 2**

The Valley Tigers made up for their first round loss when they thrashed Knox by a massive 19-goal margin.

The striking combination of Effie and Anthony Cassar was a sight to see, scoring 16 goals between them.

The youthful Knox team completely was overrun by the Valley Tigers' lightning-fast attack.

At the 15 minute mark, Knox coach Brian Neal called time out and made his first change of the game. But it was too late as Valley Tigers already led 8-0 and by half-time led 11-0.

In the second half, Valley Tigers continued their goal blitz with Anthony Cassar responsible for six of the Tigers' 10 goals in the second term. Effie Cassar had scored six goals in the first half.

While Knox experienced a massive defeat it has the makings of an excellent team with some very skillful players. Once they realize that to succeed in this game you have to be able to defend as well as attack and that all players have to contribute in goal defence, then they may put out a winning combination.

Cosmos keep Devils at bay

Devils fought hard in the match of the round to challenge youth leaders Junior Cosmos and Makedonia. Tackling Junior Cosmos after an exciting draw with Makedonia the previous week, Devils

had every right to be confident of success.

Junior Cosmos had other ideas and led once again by Mazda Tosevski and Jimmy Galanis scoring opportunities were few and far between. Tosevski kept the Devils' keeper under plenty of pressure with his powerful left foot drives. Fortunately, the in-form Di

Corrado was able to keep out most of the shots.

The Devils struggled to control the game and were forced to shoot from long range. Junior Cosmos led throughout scoring an authoritative 3-1 victory and also kept the Devils at bay — for the time being at least.

In the other youth game, Makedonia A and United

Nations were locked in a battle which may have seen Makedonia slump to the bottom of the table, a position from which it would be unable to recover. The game was tight throughout but Makedonia managed to break the deadlock late in the match scoring a life saving 2-1 victory.

In the all-age competi-

tion, Goodonya continued to demonstrate a sound understanding of the skills of the game. It controlled the match throughout to win 6-0. Its opponents, Mutundies, were outclassed throughout the game but they showed enough improvement to suggest that it won't be long before

they're giving the top teams something to think about.

The competition is very even, however Goodonya and Makedonia have set themselves up as the teams to beat with Cosmos and Euronations accepting the challenge. If Split could get its act together and concentrate on playing the game as well as it can it could be the surprise packet of the competition.

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Thomastown should phone 480 3963.

Senior results: Goodonya 6, Mutundies 0, Makedonia 2, Cosmos 1, Euronations 3, Oz United 0.

SENIOR STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Makedonia	4	1	0	23	7	17
Goodonya	4	0	1	25	8	16
Euronations	4	0	1	19	9	16
Cosmos	3	0	2	15	12	14
Split	1	1	3	13	16	11
Mutundies	1	0	5	8	26	8
Oz United	0	0	3	6	21	6

YOUTH STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Makedonia B	2	2	0	17	4	16
Junior						
Cosmos	4	0	1	16	8	16
Devils	2	1	2	11	12	13
Makedonia A	1	1	3	6	9	11
United						
Nations	1	0	4	9	26	10

Noggler best for Geelong

Geelong beat Preston 8-2 in the Victorian Indoor Soccer League match at Corio North High School.

Preston was undermanned but, being the top team in the competition, was expected to test the Geelong side.

Geelong attacked Preston right from the start and forced it onto the defensive. Robbie Noggler, with five goals, was the outstanding player in an excellent Geelong performance. Eddie Radojovic scored a goal from the centre which lifted the Geelong team and Michael Svallek and Steve Radojovic completed the scoring. Jack Drazinic and Lucky Inturisi in goal also contributed to a fine team effort by Geelong.

Preston's goals came from star player Michael Giacomi and Silvio Sella.

Results: Carcioffi Rangers 8 Wanderers 1, Eliminators 2 Vasco da Gama 1, Furious Five 4 Gladiators 0.

STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Eliminators	7	0	0	44	11	21
Furious Five	4	1	1	27	14	15
Carcioffi						
Rang	3	2	1	29	16	14
Vasco da						
Gama	2	1	3	22	14	11
Wanderers	0	1	6	9	51	8
Gladiators	0	1	5	6	31	7

TOP SCORERS
14 — Velce Kondinski (E)
13 — Maurice Bisetto (E); Silvio Sella (CR); Albert Stasi (VDG)
9 — Theo Galatopoulos (FF); Mauro Gennai (E)

A throw-in by Maurice Bisetto found Velce Kondinski, who rifled a shot past the helpless Vasco keeper.

In other games, Carcioffi Rangers trounced Wanderers 8-1, but not before Gabriel Mardegan opened the scoring for Wanderers with a classical long-range shot that dipped and curved into the top corner of the goal. The score would have been greater in favor of the Rangers had Mario Gattino shot more accurately on several occasions.

The final game saw Furious Five defeat Gladiators 4-0, but Furious Five has yet to hit form.

Vasco da Gama was not discouraged and recovered to score an equaliser. The goal was disputed by the Eliminators who claimed that scorer Albert Stasi was inside the penalty area. The ball, however, had deflected off a defender and so the goal stood.

Neither side managed to dominate the rest of the half and the score remained 1-1 at the break.

The second half saw the Eliminators relying on break while Vasco Da Gama applied continuous pressure. It was from a breakaway that the second goal came for the Eliminators.

Man of the match:
VELCE KONDINSKI
(Eliminators)

Eliminators 2 Vasco da Gama 1

ELIMINATORS: V. Kondinski 9, Giacomi 8, Bisetto 8, Bojn 7, S. Kondinski 7.

VASCO DA GAMA: K. Sokolovski 8, Stasi 8, Stergiou 7, J. Tanevski 6, V. Tanevski 7, B. Grbac 7.

The Eliminators began with defender Ernir Bojn in goal for the injured Maurice Terzini and Slavie Kondinski making an appearance for the first time.

Velce Kondinski opened the scoring for the Eliminators when he received the ball following a good passing move involving all the Eliminators' players.

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Rico Reds stun Cats

In a sensational opening game Rico Reds took the points from Cats with a 3-1 win.

Cats were not allowed to play their usual game as Rico Reds defended well and applied pressure to the Cats' regular strikers.

In the Men's League we saw a disappointing Monash go down 13-0 to league leaders, Wallabies. The key player in the Wallabies win was Joey Tanti who notched up another six goals to his already impressive tally, while Tony Van

Baar continues to improve with every game.

Women's results: Rico Reds 3 Cats 1, Socceros 8 Turfites 1.

Men's results: Trak Records 5 Wallies 1, Wallabies 13 Monash 0, Spartans 4 Gippstars 3.

Men's points: 14 — Wallabies; 10 — Gippstars, Spartans; 8 — Monash; 5 — Wallies, Miki Motos; Trak Records; 2 — Home Pride Crusaders.

Women's points: 15 — Socceros; 10 — Miki Motos; 8 — Cats; 6 — Rico Reds; 4 — Turfites; 1 — Femme Fatale.

STATE LEAGUE GAMES

Wed 23 April 8.00 pm. PRESTON ELIMINATORS vs LATROBE VALLEY Thomastown High School Gymnasium, Main St. Thomastown

Wed 23 April 8.00 pm. SUNSHINE vs BAYSWATER Sunshine Skating Ring, 47 Wright St. Sunshine

Mon 28 April 7.45 pm. BAYSWATER vs PRESTON ELIMINATORS Victorian Indoor Soccer Centre, 3 Burton Crt. Bayswater

Wed 30 April 8.00 pm SUNSHINE vs KNOX Sunshine Skating Ring, 47 Wright St. Sunshine

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NSW State
League with
ALEX VESIC

Rockdale Ilinden and Melita Eagles meet at Hurstville Oval on Sunday in the clash of the round with the away team holding a slight edge.

However, Melita will find Rockdale a much tougher opponent than most have found so far.

Ilja Takac, a tough disciplinarian, has made sure that only those who are fully fit and who accept responsibility will line up against the Eagles in the fourth round of the NSW State League championship.

I think that the midfield battle will decide this match

with Nastoski and Tortevski locking horns with Farrugia and Stone.

Neither side is all that well equipped to score which suggests that a draw looks the most probable result.

Sutherland will find Uruguayan Auburn a tough nut to crack at Seymour Shaw. Both sides look very solid at the back but lack bite up front.

However, should Mesinger and Carrizo fight with Cuba and Genc in support then the Uruguayan midfield can win the match.

Mosquero and Carrizo are gifted players indeed with the elegant Cuba and hard working Genc just what's needed to subdue the Sharks.

Manly should edge out Penrith at Cromer Park to add momentum to its drive for top spot.

NSW STATE LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
MELITA EAGLES	2	1	0	11	2	5
AVALA	2	1	0	6	2	5
POLONIA	2	1	0	6	4	5
MANLY WARR.	1	2	0	4	2	4
Ku-Ring-Gai	1	2	0	4	2	4
Sutherland	2	0	1	3	2	4
Uruguayan	1	1	1	4	7	3
Freshwater	1	0	2	7	8	2
Woll. Macedonia	1	0	2	2	3	2
Fairy Meadow	1	0	2	4	6	2
Rockdale Ilinden	0	0	3	5	10	0
Penrith City	0	0	3	1	9	0

2nd GRADE RESULTS: Melita — Sutherland 2-0, Uruguayan — Manly 1-1, Macedonia — Ilinden 7-1, Fairy Meadow — Polonia 2-0, Avala — Freshwater 0-2, Penrith — Kuringai 4-0.

THIRD GRADE RESULTS: Melita — Sutherland 0-0, Uruguayan — Manly 2-1, Macedonia — Ilinden 2-0, Fairy Meadow — Polonia 0-5, Avala — Freshwater 3-0, Penrith City — Kuringai 6-0.



Air Malta player of the year award

Leaders in the voting:
6 Points: Filipovic (A), Colusso (P).
5 Points: Farrugia (ME).
4 Points: Wilson (ME), Watson (K), Tortevski (RI), J. Campbell (MW), Burchmore (S), Muhlbauer (WM).
3 Points: W. Baker, Walker, A. Dean, Serbas, D. Campbell, Genc, Hughes, Bingham.

AVALA 2 (Filipovic 42nd, 70th) NARABEEN FRESHWATER 0 at Knights Park, Ratings by Zivko Naphta.

AVALA, Thurlow 8 — Lembray 7, Attie 7, Divani 7 — Blazic 7, Radak 7, Marjanovic 8 — Jeffery 8, Filipovic 9, Bratkovic 7, FRESHWATER Bowman 7 — Green 8, Watt 7, J. Botticello 6, O'Rourke 6 (Preston 57th) — Duckling 5, Davies 6, Berry 5 — Corrigan 6, Walker 6 (Sionone 57th) A. Botticello 7.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Filipovic (A), 2. Marjanovic 1, Green (F).

PENRITH 0 KU-RING-GAI 2 (Tkachuk 26th, Keven 56th) at Cook Park, Ratings by Paul Goodwin.

PENRITH Townsend 8 — Brogan 6, Hebb 6, Crose 5, Campbell 8, Kangian 7 — Hutton 6, Quarimby 6 (C Thompson 85th), Nix 5 (75th Greenup) — Easthorpe 6, Osoka 6.

KU-RING-GAI Lacey 7 — Keven 8, Bertram 7, Watson 8, Goldworthy 7 — N. Williamson 6, Sutherland 7, Quigley 8 — Tkachuk 8, Nix 7 (McKegan 85th), Bass 7.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Don Campbell (P), 2. Tkachuk (K), 1. Watson (K).

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 2 (Bingham 28th, Gardener 82nd) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 0 at Berkeley Sports Ground, Ratings by Roger Sherack.

MACEDONIA J. Robinson 8 — Muhlbauer 7, Talevski 8, Campbell 8, Sweeney 7 — Wellbourne 7, Sattin 7, Bingham 8 — B. Robinson 6, Gardener 8, Giraldi 7.

LINDEN Kotzohambos 8 — Nikolski 7, D. Wilson 8, Pilovski 7, J. Wilson 7 — Nastoski 8, Groome 7, Spirovski 6 (Brown 52nd) — Nastoski 6, Tortevski 7 (Jones 74th), Karanfilovski 6.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Bingham, 2. Nastoski (RI), 1. Talevski (WM).

URUGUAYAN 0 MANLY 0 at Mona Park, Ratings by Ted Smithies.

URUGUAYAN Rosano 6 — O'Donnell 6, Hastie 7, Krslovic 7, Tomasich 8 — Woods 6, Mosquera 6, Genc 8 — Cuba 7, Van Helden 7 (Pegano 85th).

MANLY: Catlin 7 — Marshall 6, Turnbull 7, Edmondson 7, Dick 6 — Stuart 7 (Dennis 76th), Dean 8, Campbell 8 — Davidson 6, McIntosh 7 (Alan 70th), Van Edmond 7.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Dean (MW), 2. Tomasich (U), 1. Campbell (MW).

MELITA 2 (Dalton 52nd, Serbas 83rd) SUTHERLAND 0 at Melita Stadium, Ratings by Dean Vella.

MELITA: Pupovic 7 — Williams 8, Wilson 8, McCoy 7, Treddenick 8, Van 7, Farrugia 9, Serbas 8, Griffin 8 — Farnsworth 6, Dalton 6, SUTHERLAND Burchmore 8 — Nelson 6, Terry 6, Burrows 7, 77th Sharpe, Sellar 5 — Cashman 7, Dafforno 5, Harrington 7, Johnstone 5 (77th Fox), Hughes 5, Hall 6.

Best players for the Air Malta player of the year award: 3. Farrugia (ME), 2. Williams (ME), 1. Burchmore (S).

FAIRY MEADOW 1 (S. Baker 21st) POLONIA 2 (Drys 25th, 80th) at Corral. Ratings by Walter Chichkan.

FAIRY MEADOW Kramovic 6 — Hobbs 6, Kerr 7, Berringer 7, Doss 6 — Pell 8, Carro 5, O'Brien 6, Green 6 (Bist White) — S. Baker 8, W. Baker 7, J. Bell 7.

POLONIA Anderson 7 — Chow 7, Lasek 7, Robertson 6, Mahamah 8 — Colusso 7, Drys 9, Gassio 6, Parker 7 — Janic 7, Druc 6.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Drys (P), 2. Pell (FM), 1. S. Baker (FM).

Ilja Takac lays down the law

The return of John Dick will add stability to the back line, while in midfield Manly has its general in Jimmy Campbell.

Stuart, McIntosh and Allan must sharpen their boots for this encounter. For Penrith, another defeat may sound more than a mere slide to the bottom, but ultimate doom.

The slide that came into the NSL last year amid protests from Sutherland and utter confusion has lost a lot of zest and coach Vic Dalgleish will have to work overtime if he is to get

his players back on the right track.

Ku-Ring-Gai has the edge over Warringah Freshwater at Parklands if for no other reason that is very strong backline. Leigh Watson and Terry Bertram with young Andrew Prentice between the sticks make a very formidable barrier and a more than adequate obstacle for Barry Walker and Co.

Polonia will have more trouble from Wollongong Macedonia than first thought. This fighting outfit from the South

Coast did well in the pre-season competition and won't just be a punching bag at Chopin Park. Much depends on the mood of Jurek Drys and the fitness of Andrej Pop. We may see the return of Henjek Sobczyk in order to get Drys fired up for the match. Stefan Janic, subdued so far this season, may find this opponent more to his liking and grab a goal or two as Robinson and Muhlbauer do their best to avoid defeat.

Avala is yet again at Knight Park. Its form so far this season has been fine but it hasn't

put in the 90-minute effort demanded by coach Jovan Djordjevic. Some fine players will be on show and Fairy Meadow will have a lot on its plate.

Filipovic, Radak, Marjanovic and Jeffery should be the difference between these sides but goal-shy Avala could find itself in deep trouble if Fairy Meadow is taken for granted.

The young Meadow side has been prepared with masterly confidence by Mike Johnson. His troops could surprise Avala and pinch a point.

• Vlado Tortevski

Peter Marjanovic, a youngster who came to Australia with Yugoslav First Division experience, has spent some frustrating days in the last two years.

Injuries have played havoc with the man who once wore the red and white of Red Star Belgrade and also played with OFK Belgrade in the Yugoslav First Division.

For those who might think that this is yet another saga about a has-been, think again!

Marjanovic is only 22 and regrets his move from big time Yugoslav soccer.

"My dad has moved about a lot in

Midfield maestro

the last 25 years. I was born in France but grew up in Australia. We returned to Yugoslavia for a few years and I was working my way through junior teams. Then came my chance in the top league and I looked set to do well, but my dad felt that the future of our family was 'Down-Under' and we returned."

This tall, elegant, at times arrogant player, knows only too well that success doesn't come overnight.

He worked very hard to get into the first team at OFK Belgrade and was very impressive against star-studded Partizan just over two years ago when OFK knocked the home side out of the Yugoslav Cup.

when Marjanovic returned to Australia he trialled with Frank Arok's St. George and looked impressive. Then came a series of ankle injuries. He fractured his ankle at the start of the season and that was enough to keep him out for the best part of a year.

This season he trialled with Canterbury under coach Domagoj Kapetanovic but he could not fit into Kapetanovic's plans so he joined Avala at the invitation of Jovan Djordjevic.

"I have never met anyone keener at training or during the game. He loves his work and as a coach I could not ask for anything more. He

has skill to burn and I only hope that he remains injury-free from here on," said Djordjevic after Avala's match last weekend.

What does Marjanovic think about his new coach and his new club?

"I enjoy working with Djordjevic as I have with most of my coaches. I have learned to respect coaches, not only at Avala but everywhere I go. I am at a loss to understand how some players behave towards their coach. In Yugoslavia these players wouldn't last two seconds."

It is gratifying indeed for a coach to know that this kind of attitude is inherent in at least one player. Those who let the silky skills of Marjanovic pass by are in for a huge surprise this year, for Marjanovic is a top midfielder.

Farrugia powers Melita to the top

Melita Eagles have taken over the lead in the NSW State League following their 2-0 win over Sutherland at Melita Stadium. Goalkeeper Craig Burchmore was Sutherland's hero, saving his side from humiliation.

Avala had a fine 2-0 win with Filipovic netting two more goals to take the lead in the Inway top scorer's award. He also has joined Dennis Colusso in the lead for the Air Malta Player of the Year award!

Polonia is in third place largely due to the effort of Jurek Drys who scored two goals and was the outstanding player on the park against Fairy Meadow.

Manly missed a golden opportunity to subdue Uruguayan at Mona Park but takes fourth spot with Ku-Ring-Gai while Sutherland drops to sixth! Rockdale Ilinden and Penrith City are yet to collect a point despite the presence of some well-known players in their sides.

keeping to Townsend the home side would have been well and truly hammered. Tkachuk tried his luck again and his shot looked destined for the net until Townsend came to Penrith's rescue.

For Penrith, Don Campbell looked almost lonely, fighting to keep his defence intact, then storming forward for the set plays. His work-rate alone would put him among the best, his total contribution made him the player of the match.

Ku-Ring-Gai's new wonder man takes two points, while Leigh Watson takes one.

David Keven scored Ku-Ring-Gai's second. His shot was deflected by Cross, but either way it looked a goal all the way, so in my book David Keven gets the nod.

In the closing stages after Ilinden had dominated for almost 25 minutes, Vince Nastoski showed some fine touches and was ably supported by Nigel Groome, but it was all to no avail. Ilinden's star imports played below par.

Talevski and Campbell, playing central defence for Wollongong, had a field day with the Ilinden forwards showing sparse interest in proceedings.

even when chances did come their way.

For coach Ilja Takac, this could be one hell of a long season if things do not improve soon.

Confidence is hardly above carpet-level at present and points are vital.

On the other hand, the rugged Wollongong Macedonia side showed off its own stars in Chris Talevski, Jeff Robinson

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THE WORLD WIDE COURIERS

PROGRAMME OF MATCHES

STATE LEAGUE (Round 4) SUNDAY, 27.04.86

ROCK. ILINDEN — MELITA EAGLES, Hurstville Oval
SUTHERLAND — URUGUAYAN, Seymour Shaw
MANLY WARRINGAH — PENRITH, Cromer Park
KU-RING-GAI — FRESHWATER, Parklands Oval
POLONIA — WOLL. MACEDONIA, Chopin Park
AVALA — FAIRY MEADOW, Knight Park

II DIVISION (Round 4) SATURDAY 26.04.86

BANKSTOWN NAT — ARTARMON, Jensen Oval
QUEENS PARK — NTH BANKSTOWN, Erskineville Oval
SUNDAY, 27.04.86

DEE WHY — CANTERBURY DIST. Dee Why Oval
BATHURST — KINGSFORD, Proctor Park
BLACKTOWN UTD — CAMPBELLTOWN CITY, Francis Park
YUGAL — GLADESVILLE HORNSBY, Blick Oval

III DIVISION (Round 4) SATURDAY, 26.04.86

BONDI MARINE — MT DRUITT, Waverley Oval
ROOBY HILLS — BAULKHAM HILLS, Cawarra Park
SUNDAY, 27.04.86

MOOREBANK — C'TOWN GUNNERS, Hammondville Pk
NORTH RYDE RSL — UNI OF NSW, Magdala Park
GRANVILLE CHILE — KING TOMISLAV, Garside Pk
WEST UNITED — PORT HACKING, Harold Read Res.

STATE LEAGUE (Round 5) SUNDAY, 4.05.86

MELITA EAGLES — POLONIA, Melita Stadium
URUGUAYAN — ROCK. ILINDEN, Mona Park
MANLY WARRINGAH — SUTHERLAND, Cromer Park
WOLL. MACEDONIA — AVALA, Berkeley S.G.
FAIRY MEADOW — KU-RING-GAI, Corral Mem Park
PENRITH CITY — FRESHWATER, Cook Park

II DIVISION (Round 5) SATURDAY, 3.05.86

KINGSFORD — DEE WHY, Kensington Oval
ARTARMON — NTH BANKSTOWN, Artamon Res
SUNDAY 4.05.86

CANTERBURY DIST — BLACKTOWN UTD, Bick Oval
BANKSTOWN NAT — BATHURST, Jensen Oval
CAMPBELLTOWN CITY — YUGAL, Lynwood Park
GLADESVILLE HORNSBY — QUEENS PARK, Pioneer Park

III DIVISION (Round 5) SATURDAY, 3.05.86

C'TOWN GUNNERS — GRANVILLE CHILE, Garside Park
MT DRUITT — Moorebank, Popondetta Park
PORT HACKING — ROOBY HILLS, Seymour Shaw
SUNDAY 4.05.86

NORTH RYDE RSL — BONDI MARINE, Magdala Park
KING TOMISLAV — WEST UNITED, Croatian S.C.
UNI OF NSW — BAULKHAM HILLS, Little Rav Oval

Second Division

Marton v Williamson

Gladesville Hornsby won its third match in a row to take a two-point lead after three rounds of the NSW Second Division. Its 1-0 narrow win was not unexpected against Blacktown Utd and a goal by Graeme Williamson sealed the issue.

Kingsford is revving up and has four points from two matches after crushing Bankstown National 3-0, with Tommy Gavin (two goals) and Phil Kinch the scorers.

Yugal's chances will be assessed next Sunday at Bick Oval when the "Blues" tackle the leaders, Dez Marton (ex-St George) and Graeme Williamson (ex Manly) will lead the combats.

Dee Why Swans took their first point of the season when they held Campbelltown to a 1-1 draw. Kingston surprised Queens Park 1-0 at Artamon Reserve while Canterbury and District celebrated its first win of the season at Bick Oval, beating Bathurst 1-0.

Results: Canterbury-Bathurst 1-0, Tintafflow-Kingsford-Bankstown Nat. 3-0, Gavin 2, Kinch.

Campbelltown-Dee Why 1-1, Bonney (C), Harrison (DW).

Gladesville-Bankstown 1-

N. Bankstown-Yugal 1-2, Pahor, Card (Y).

Artamon-Queens Park 1-0

YOUTH STANDINGS

DIVISION TWO

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
GLADESVILLE	3	0	7	0	6	6
KINGSFORD	2	0	0	0	4	4
YUGAL	2	0	0	4	4	4
NTH BANK	2	0	1	6	2	4
Artamon	2	0	1	3	5	4
Banks Nat	1	1	1	3	5	3
Canterbury	1	0	1	2	2	2
Campbell's	0	2	1	4	2	2
Bathurst	1	0	2	2	2	2
B'town Utd	0	1	2	0	2	1
Queens Park	0	1	2	1	7	1
D'Why Swans	0	1	2	1	8	1

DIVISION THREE

Campbelltown Gunners-Bondi 0-2

MT Druitt-North Ryde RSL 0-1

King Tomislav-Moorebank 0-1

Port Hacking-Granville 2-3

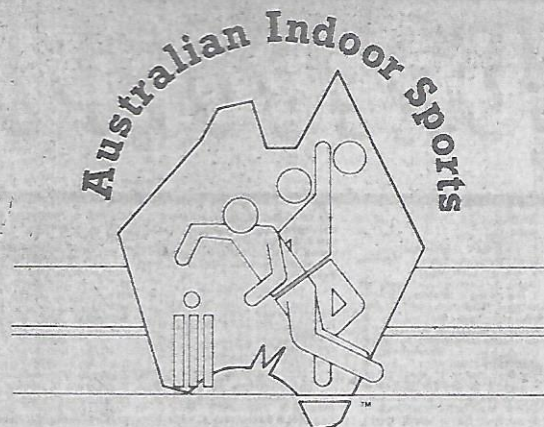
Baulkham Hills-West Utd 4-2

Uni of NSW-Roody Hill 3-0

DIVISION THREE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Moorebank	3	0	0	5	0	6
Nth Ryde RSL	3	0	0	4	0	6
Bondi Marine	2	1	0	10	2	5
Granville Chile	1	2	0	5	4	4
Uni of NSW	1	1	1	5	3	3
Baulkham H	1	1	1	3	4	3
Roody Hill	1	1	1	3	4	3
Campbell's	1	0	2	3	2	2
MT Druitt	1	0	2	2	4	2
Port Hacking	0	1	2	4	7	1
West United	0	1	2	4	8	1

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Friday 25th April, 1986 (Anzac Day)

Sydney City v Newcastle Rosebud Utd. Sydney Athletic Field 3.00 p.m.
Brisbane City v Melita Eagles Spencer Park 3.00 p.m.

Sunday 27th April, 1986

Adelaide Hellas v Adelaide City Hindmarsh Stadium
2.30 p.m.

South Melbourne v Croydon City Olympic Park 2.00 p.m.

Heidelberg United v Footscray Olympic Park 4.00 p.m.

Canberra City v Melbourne Croatia Bruce Stadium 3.00 p.m.

St. George v Blacktown City St. George Stadium
2.00 p.m.

Sydney Olympic v Wollongong City
St. George Stadium 4.00 p.m.

